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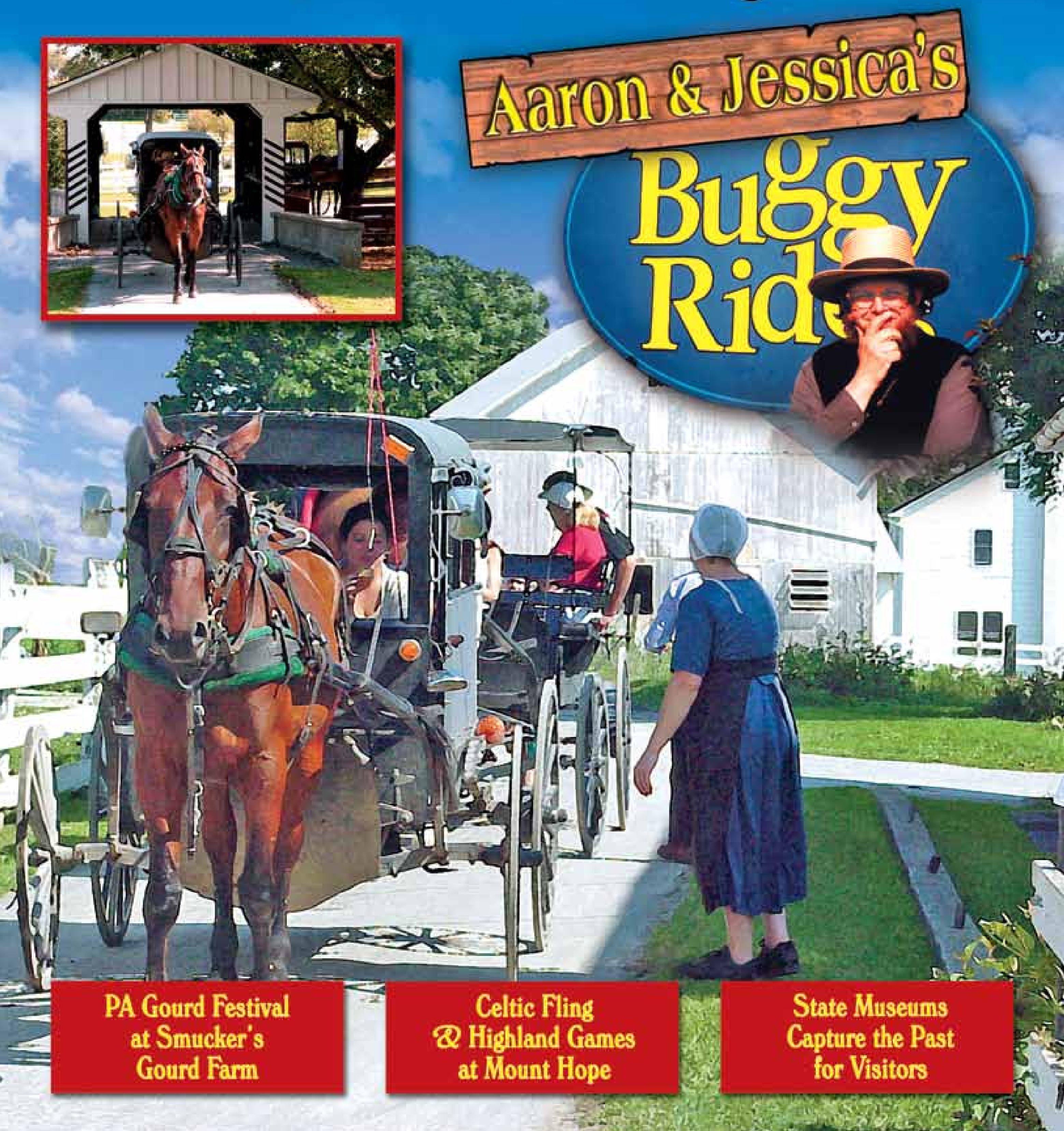

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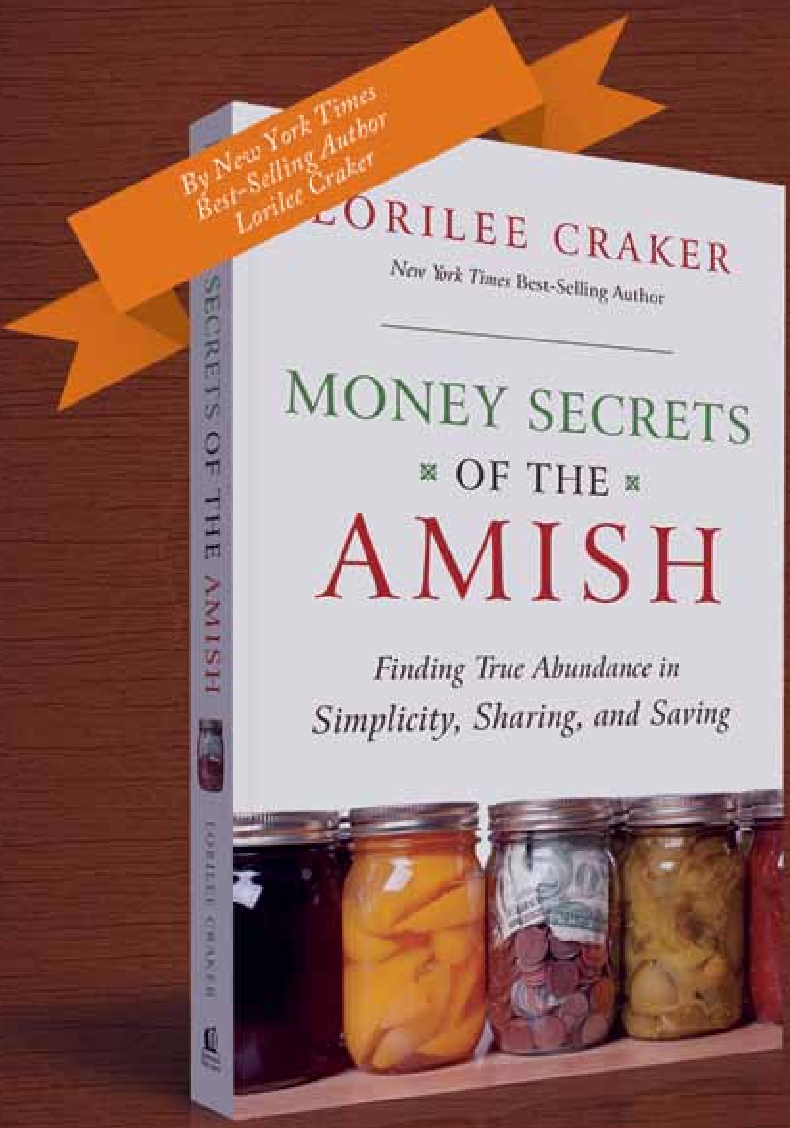
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While driving along Route 30 in Lancaster County, you may see a few unfamiliar, if not unique, sites. You may catch a glimpse of some folks dressed a little unusually. You'll probably see a few horse-drawn carriages instead of cars. And, you'll undoubtedly notice the Dutch Haven windmill. This landmark building has been drawing thousands of visitors each week to Lancaster County for the past 50 years. Opening first as a restaurant in 1946, the Dutch Haven operated with great success with a world famous Shoo Fly pie recipe.

Today, the Dutch Haven staple is still "America's Best Shoo Fly Pie." All you have to do is pass through the door and you will be offered a sample taste of this famous pie—warmed and topped with whipped cream, just like it was always served in the restaurant, years ago.

Some 40,000 pies will be sold at the Dutch Haven this year alone. While most of these shoo fly pies are purchased over the counter, some are shipped UPS. Many pies are sold to faithful customers who have been buying them from Dutch Haven for over half a century!

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As always at Dutch Haven, the famous pie that was featured in Time magazine is just part of the story. The windmill building now houses one of, if not the best, selections of primitive Amish pine furniture in the area. Corner cupboards, pie safes, chests, and shelves are all available. Hundreds of pieces of Amish woodcrafts fill what once were the dining rooms of this wonderful old building. In addition, thousands of other items from pot holders to collectibles, T-shirts, small wood crafts, Amish romance novels, and much more make Dutch Haven a true shopping experience.

Dutch Haven is open 7 days a week, 9am-9pm. For more information about this Lancaster County landmark, call (717) 687-0111.

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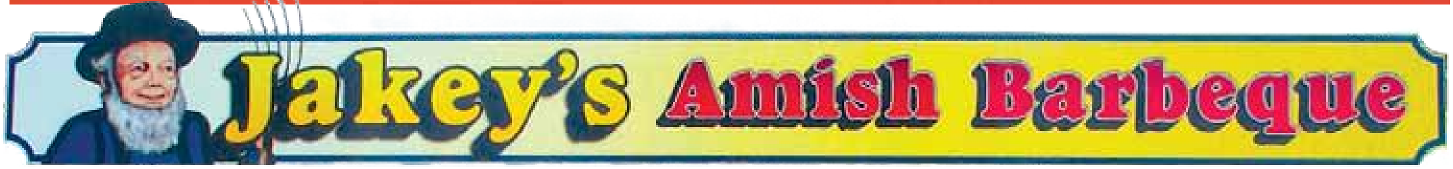
Jakey's Amish Barbeque

See the World from a Buggy!

See the World the Way the Amish Do

Aaron and Jessica will be happy to oblige. Jessica? Well, she's the little girl who started it all. Her dad agreed to let her try her hand at giving buggy rides. She liked driving horses, and thought it would be fun to show the beautiful scenery and Amish farms to visitors.

Aaron? You're probably thinking that must be Jessica's father. Nope. It isn't her brother either, although both help with the rides. Aaron was the most important ingredient in the buggy ride formula, because you can't have a buggy ride without a horse. That's right, Aaron was Jessica's horse.

Next? What to call the buggy ride business? After a big family meeting, Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides was born or, as we locals call it, A & J's Buggy Rides. You know you'll be in good hands because these people have been driving buggies and training horses for a long time. Jessica's dad says the family settled here in 1757, although he doesn't appear to be quite that old.

An All-Amish Area

Sarah, Jessica's sister says, "We know you came here more than anything to see and understand how and why we live the way we do. Take a ride with us. Let us tell you all about it, too. After all, we live here."

The buggy rides depart from the property of Plain & Fancy Farm, also the home of the Amish Experience. You'll see a little red covered bridge along the side of Route 340, exactly a mile and a half from either Bird-in-Hand or Intercourse. Completely surrounded by Amish farmland, visitors can enjoy one of five different routes. As Jessica's father says, "You don't pass one piece of ground that isn't farmed with a horse when you take a ride with us!"

There are at least five different routes that are offered, with different sights, stops, lengths, and prices. You might use the coupon here for the basic tour, which is around 25 minutes and makes one brief stop on an Amish farm. The other tours include a longer ride, and even an hour tour that visits an Amish farm. You can ask for details before you choose your ride.

Authentic Amish Carriages

Joshua, Jessica's brother likes to stress the non-commercial nature of the rides. "We can take you between the house and the barn on a real Amish farm, on private roads, with no cars. You see real Amish life. We absolutely offer you more!" On the buggy ride you pass an Amish one-room school, any number of Amish shops and stores, and you'll enjoy talking to the drivers as you go clip-clopping down the road with not a care in the world.

On the ride's website, you can enjoy a "virtual tour" and learn a little about some of the drivers, who come from most of the area's Plain sects --- Amish, Brethren, and Mennonites. Jessica's dad, who is one of the drivers at the ride, was three years old when he had his first recollection of a horse. He guesses he has driven a carriage more than anyone else in Lancaster County, about 10,000 miles a year.

The children were raised in an Old Order church. There are two brothers and four sisters. Sarah, who married an Old Order Amish boy who lived on the next road, lives around the corner and drives also. She is the third child

Buggy Rides

YOU ASKED FOR IT!

They get lots of questions at Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides. Here is a selection we hope you will find enlightening, along with their answers….

1. **What is the foam on the horse's mouth?** *Foam on the horse's mouth shows that the bit is seated properly. Not too tight or loose. The horse plays with the bit in his mouth and makes the foam. In some professional horse shows points will be deducted from your score if your horse does not have foam.*
2. **If the horse is sweating, is that bad?** *No, it's actually good. Sweating is the body's way of cooling itself, and on warm days we monitor our horse's body temperature. If it's too hot, we take them off the carriage or rinse them off with cool water. This helps cool them down and they like it.*
3. **The horse looks skinny. Is it getting enough to eat?** *Many horses in top condition or in racing show a little rib. They are real athletes and it doesn't necessarily mean they are not well fed.*
4. **Why do horses chew on wood?** *Some horses seem to enjoy chewing on wood for the same reason people chew on gum. They don't need vitamins and aren't hungry. They just like it.*
5. **How long do your horses work every day?** *We use our horses a little over three hours each day, six days a week. We have three shifts of horses.*
6. **How many years can you work a horse, and how long do they live?** *Many horses can work well into their early 20's. Life expectancy is about 30 years old.*

Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides

in the family and an excellent driver. She is also the mother of the family's first grandsons, Caleb Isaac and Josiah Grant. Jessica now has six children ---Erin, Ashley, Hannah, Ruthie, Faith, and Micah. Other family members who help with the rides are Rachel, Miriam, and Caleb. Son Joshua is now married to Jennifer, with two children. Lots of Amish neighbors help at the rides, too.

Breeds of horses commonly used to pull buggies are American Standardbred or American Saddlebred. On your ride you can ask some of your horse questions. I was wondering why horses always seem to be bending a hind leg when they are standing still. The simple answer --- he's just resting a leg like we do when we lean on something and cross our legs.

I also wondered how many people a horse can pull. The answer is three times their own weight. I was informed that since a horse might weigh 1,000 pounds, he could actually pull 3,000. So even with a few people in the buggy, the horse is rarely pulling more than 1,000 pounds. Don't worry though --- they don't weigh visitors before they ride.

The ride is air-conditioned. You'll be more than comfortable with the open buggy and the breeze. Jessica says, "In the summer, it's a great way to cool off. My dad says it's like sitting in the shade with the fan on... 409 air-conditioning... four wheels turning at nine miles an hour!"

Ride Through the Covered Bridge

All of the buggy rides pass through a miniature covered bridge. Kids love buggy rides, and so this is a perfect activity for the entire family. As one visitor from Long Island said, "This is our fifth time here this year. We love it here. Since my son woke up this morning Aaron & Jessica's is all I've heard." So, if your kids are driving you buggy, let Aaron & Jessica take over the reins for a while! The rides depart from the little covered bridge along Route 340 at Plain & Fancy Farm, midway between Intercourse and Bird-in-Hand.

Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides generally operate 7 days a week, rain or shine, from dawn to dusk. (Well, actually, from around 9:00 a.m. The horses have to get breakfast before they go to work!) . For more information, see the ad and coupon here, or visit the website at amishbuggyrides.com.

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WHAT PEOPLE SAY

Here are a few comments from folks who came and went on a buggy ride….

It has been a delight! She (Sarah) is a delight. The ride was just terrific and she really made the buggy ride. And you can quote me. **—Mrs. Rita Hamlin, Port Washington, MD.**

We saw things we never thought we'd see! I am going back to some of those places and visit. **—Mrs. Rogers Forget, Orlando FL.**

The sound of the horse was wonderful. The countryside is just beautiful. It was so relaxing, I wanted to go to sleep... just what I needed. **—Mrs. J. Fletcher, Connecticut**

Tell Jessica, our people from England who rode with her loved her ride. Her dad's stories, especially his explanations about the corn harvest, Amish weddings, and horses were wonderful. **—Mrs. Nancy Crooks, International Tour Director -Peter Pan Trailways**

I wasn't going to ride this morning, but now that I did, you couldn't g **—Mr. Kenneth Croom, Wilmington, NC.**

I can't believe it. It's cold and

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Strasburg Rail Road
Strasburg, PA 687-7522
StrasburgRailRoad.com

Thru November (call for schedule)
Ghost Tours of Lancaster
Strasburg & Downtown Lancaster
Strasburg / Lancaster
687-6687 / 610-404-4678
GhostTour.com

Thru October 29 (Weds. & Sat.)
"Witness" Movie Covered Bridge Tours
Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy Farm
Bird-in-Hand, 768-8400
AmishExperience.com

Thru October 22
"Joseph"
Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre
Strasburg, PA 800-377-1277
Sight-Sound.com

June 2 - July 9
"The Drowsy Chaperone"
Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre
Lancaster, 898-1900
DutchApple.com

Thru June 25 (Saturdays)
Farm Fun Days
Cherry Crest Adventure Farm
Strasburg, PA 687-6843
CherryCrestFarm.com

June 3
First Friday Activities
Throughout Downtown Area
Lancaster, 399-7977
LancasterARTS.com/firstfridays

June 4 & 5
Theme - Primitive & Architectural Pieces
Shupp's Grove
Adamstown, PA 484-4115
ShuppsGrove.com

June 5
Summer Entertainment Series Concert
Long's Park Amphitheater
Lancaster, PA 735-8883
LongsPark.org

June 11 & 12
Theme - Art Glass & Pottery
Shupp's Grove
Adamstown, PA 484-4115
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June 11
Lititz Ambucs' "Crafts in the Park"
Lititz Springs Park
Lititz, PA 626-7186

June 11
Pedal to Preserve for Lancaster Farmland Trust
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New Holland, PA 687-8484
LancasterFarmlandTrust.org

June 12
Summer Entertainment Series Concert
Long's Park Amphitheater
Lancaster, PA 735-8883
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June 12
PA Music Expo - Keystone Record Collectors
Continental Inn
Lancaster, PA 898-1246
RecordCollectors.org

June 13 - October 28
Amish Visit-In-Person Tours (Mon.-Fri.)
Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy Farm
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Promise...You Won't Get Sleepy at

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

Sometimes, it's true… a Broadway show or actor wins a Tony Award and then, for unknown reasons, the show closes before you have a chance to see it. Bad timing? Financial problems? Wrong show, wrong time?

Luckily, regional theaters sometimes give us the chance to see these gems performed, shows that some of us only know from original cast albums and wish we had been able to see. I still remember watching the 2006 Tony Awards on TV and seeing a dance number from *The Drowsy Chaperone.*

The dancers, and I, were left breathless, although for different reasons. I said to myself, "I've got to see this show!" And then it won the Best Musical award. And a few weeks later it closed.

But now, I have a chance to finally see it…and so do you. The folks at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, consistent producers of excellent theatre and food, have bravely decided to put on this delightful show most people have never heard of. It has a funny story, good music, dancing, and is a modern spoof of an old 1920's musical. Here's the basic premise….

The audience is greeted by the narrator, "Man in Chair," sitting on a darkened stage. He is "the inner voice in all of us who love, yet are suspicious of the theater at the same time. This covers just about everyone…"

He is a fan of vintage musicals who seems to be suffering from free-floating depression, and he quickly decides to cheer things up by playing a record of an original cast recording of an early (fictional) Broadway musical.

No sooner has the needle touched the record than we, together with the narrator, are transported to a 1928 Broadway theater and into *The Drowsy Chaperone*, a play-within-a-play crammed full of every cliché, gag and gimmick from the golden age of musicals. We are introduced to a barrage of characters during an introductory opening number…the bride who's giving up the stage for love, her dim but debonair bridegroom, a producer who sets out to sabotage the wedding, bumbling gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a flakey chorus girl, a Latin lothario and, of course, the drowsy chaperone.

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Throughout the show, Man in Chair will continue to comment and explain the action with satiric asides to the audience, leading into fast-paced, foot-tapping fun songs and dance numbers. When the LP record gets stuck and keeps repeating, so do the actors, leaving Man in Chair to correct the situation.

Then our host attempts to play the record of the Second Act of the show. However he mistakenly begins playing a song, "Message From a Nightingale," from a different musical entirely, causing the setting of the play to temporarily shift to an oriental palace, and all of the actors to assume new roles. Amidst the tumult, Man in Chair hurriedly corrects his mistake and *The Drowsy Chaperone* resumes.

All kinds of plot twists ensue, typical of early musicals, until the show is abruptly cut short by a power failure in Man in Chair's apartment. As the superintendent arrives to attend to the power, the Man explains his love for the show as an antidote to "the dreary horrors of the real world." The entire cast joins him onstage for the grand finale ("As We Stumble Along - Reprise").

Sometimes, with everything going on in the world today, we may feel like we are indeed stumbling along, "looking here and looking there, seeking answers everywhere." At such times, a lively, entertaining show like this may be just what we need. As our host reminds us at the end of the "imperfect musical" we have just seen, "It does what a musical is supposed to do, it takes you to another world, and it gives you a little tune to carry with you in your head for when you're feeling blue, you know?" Yep, I know.

So whether you are local or are visiting us, join me for some fun at *The Drowsy Chaperone*. I promise you that the only person feeling drowsy at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre that night will be, well, the chaperone.

— Brad Igou

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June Events (Cont'd)

June 17 - 19
Intercourse Heritage Days
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June 17
Music Friday
Lancaster Square
Downtown Lancaster, 291-4758
LancasterCityEvents.com

June 18 - 26
"A Day Out with Thomas™"
Strasburg Rail Road
Strasburg, PA 687-7522
StrasburgRailRoad.com

June 18 & 19
Theme - Military Fest
Shupp's Grove
Adamstown, PA 484-4115
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June 19
Summer Entertainment Series Concert
Long's Park Amphitheater
Lancaster, PA 735-8883
LongsPark.org

June 23 - 25
PA Gourd Society Festival
Smucker's Gourd Farm
Route 897, north of Route 340, Kinzers
354-6118

June 24 - 26
Summer Extravaganza
Shupp's Grove
Adamstown, PA 484-4115
ShuppsGrove.com

June 24 - 26
Celtic Fling & Highland Games
Mount Hope Estate & Winery
Cornwall, PA 665-7021
PaRenFaire.com

June 24
Bird-in-Hand Mud Sale
Opposite Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant
Bird-in-Hand, PA 768-1111
Bird-in-Hand.com

June 24
Celebrate Lancaster
Binn's Park
Downtown Lancaster, 291-4758
LancasterCityEvents.com

June 25
Music Fest
Lititz Springs Park
Lititz, PA 626-7960
LititzSpringPark.org

June 26
Summer Entertainment Series Concert
Long's Park Amphitheater
Lancaster, PA 735-8883
LongsPark.org

June 26
RiverFest 2011
Along the banks of the Susquehanna River
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RiverTownes.orga

OMG! Oh My GOURD

Annual Amish Country Gourd Fest Set For June 23-25

— Brad Igou

Gourd: *n. – any of several trailing or climbing plants related to the pumpkin, squash, and cucumber, bearing fruits with a hard rind.*

When you think of gourds, you probably think of Halloween and visualize a hard, brownish object shaped like a giant pear. You would be right, yet very wrong. The PA Gourd Fest quickly dispatches most stereotypes …both the shape of gourds (there are hundreds) and ways to decorate, carve, combine, paint, and display them.

At the annual PA Gourd Fest, you will find thousands of craft-ready gourds of all shapes and sizes, free gourd cutting, and lots of knowledge and inspiration from the gourd artists. For many reasons, the Gourd Fest is one unique event that visitors long remember!

On The Farm

The festival is a celebration of the Pennsylvania Gourd Society, for gourd enthusiasts and curiosity seekers of this most original artisan craft. From classes and demonstrations, to vendor displays and fun family events, it all takes place on a picturesque Amish farm overlooking the spectacular farmlands synonymous with Pennsylvania's Amish Country. It is quite different than any event you're likely to find in America, and is a quintessential Amish Country experience in the heart of Lancaster County.

Smucker's Gourd Farm is an unusual Amish family business dedicated to the growing, cleaning, decorating, and selling of gourds, both common and very unusual. For three days in June, the normal calm and quiet of the farm is transformed into a bustling marketplace. Amidst the outdoor displays and farm buildings turned into craft and class spaces, you'll discover gourds crafted and embellished in ways you never dreamed possible, from readily recognizable gourd animals to intricately carved gourds that are museum-worthy.

Whether or not you leave with a gourd remembrance, you will certainly enjoy the people, the variety, and the goings-on, as artists create gourd art and offer fascinating demonstrations, children are encouraged to play musical gourds at the Kids Korner, and everyone is happy to answer your questions. Freshly prepared foods and drink are welcome additions.

For those interested in classes with some of the 21 experienced gourd artists from seven states, advance registration can be made on the Society's website at pagourdsociety.org.

Enjoy The Drive

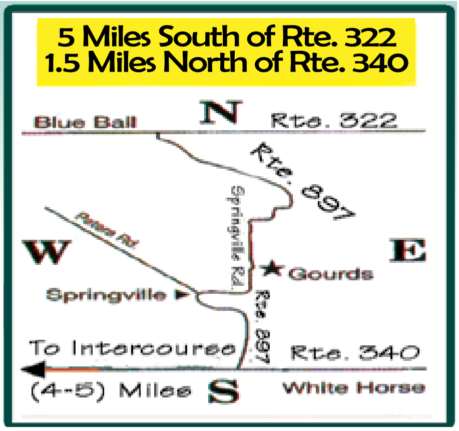
The setting is wonderful at Smucker's Gourd Farm, just 5.5 miles east of the village of Intercourse on Route 340, and then 1.7 miles north on the winding Route 897. The distinctive gourd tree along the road is your landmark to turn down the lane. Don't be surprised if some Amish boys help you park your car in the field near the barn.

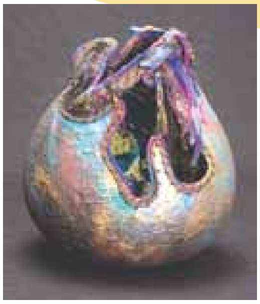
Believing this unheralded event to be more an "encounter" than just another event, and one that more folks should discover, the Amish Experience has become the official sponsor of the Festival. The Amish Experience in Bird-in-Hand has been an essential provider of exclusive tours of the Amish farmlands for over 50 years, and is home to the Amish Experience Theater and its widely acclaimed story of "Jacob's Choice," in which a teenage Amish boy struggles with his decision to join the Amish faith or leave family and community for the outside world.

Joining the Amish Experience as partner sponsors are Plain & Fancy Farm and Intercourse Canning Company. As the original family-style restaurant in Lancaster County, Plain & Fancy has been serving up wonderful Pennsylvania Dutch meals for over 50 years. The Intercourse Canning Company welcomes visitors to observe the canning process and sample everything from chow chow and relishes, to jams and salsa. All three businesses will be awarding gift certificates to lucky winners over the course of the event.

Brad Igou, President of the Amish Experience, states that he hopes "both locals and visitors will discover what is truly one of Lancaster County's best-kept secrets."

Gourd Fest is open, rain or shine, 8:30am to 4:30pm, June 23 to 25, at Smucker's Gourd Farm, 317 Springville Road, Kinzers, PA 17535. Admission is free. Additional information is available at AmishExperience.com.





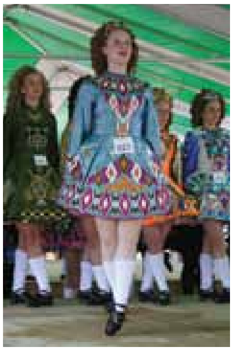
The Celtic Fling & Highland Games

A Rollicking Irish-Scots Fest

The 13th annual Celtic Fling and Highland Games, June 24, 25 and 26 celebrates both traditional and contemporary Celtic heritage from the Friday night concert to the Sunday night Ceilidh. Held on the grounds of the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, the Celtic Fling is more than a "wee bit" of Scotland and a "touch of the Irish". It's a place where everyone can be Celtic even for just one weekend.

The kick-off to the weekend's festivities is the Friday Night Concert welcoming Celtic festival favorites Enter the Haggis and Scythian with Icewagon Flu. Concert-goers can enjoy food and drink from the Swashbuckler Brew Pub throughout the evening.

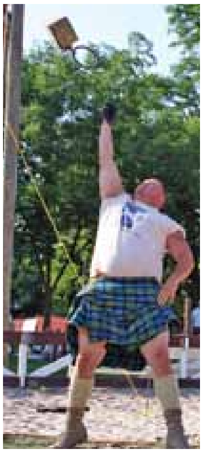
Saturday and Sunday's performance-packed schedules will feature musical entertainment from traditional to Celtic rock on six non-stop stages including Scottish-born Albannach, Vancouver natives, The Town Pants and American rock band The Young Dubliners to name just a few.



Saturday will see the 7th annual Celtic Fling Feis officially sanctioned by the North American Feis Commission, host over 1000 Irish dancers ranging from beginner to champion to compete in the traditional hard shoe and elegant soft shoe jigs and reels that are at the heart of the Irish culture.

Visitors to the Fling can enjoy the power and athleticism of traditional Celtic sports. Saturday's Celtic Fling's Highland Games, officially sanctioned by the Mid-Atlantic Scott Athletics Association, will featuring pre-registered athletes competing in events including the Scottish Hammer, Sheaf Toss, Clachneart and Caber Toss. Sunday, patrons are invited to register to participate in time honored competitions for amateur Celtic sports enthusiasts.

Performing bagpipe bands, clans and societies, Irish Wolfhounds, Irish Setters, sheep herding and Kerry Bog Ponies will round out time-honored Celtic offerings.



In addition to the 100 resident Renaissance Faire shops, more than 50 guest artisans and merchants will be offering a wide array of unique items throughout the 35-acre Celtic Fling site. Twenty-two kitchens will serve a tasting tour of the Celtic nations with items such as corned beef and cabbage, mince and taddies, bangers and mash, fish n' chips and the ever-popular Scotch Eggs. Swashbuckler Beers and Mount Hope Wines will available to top off these tasty treats.

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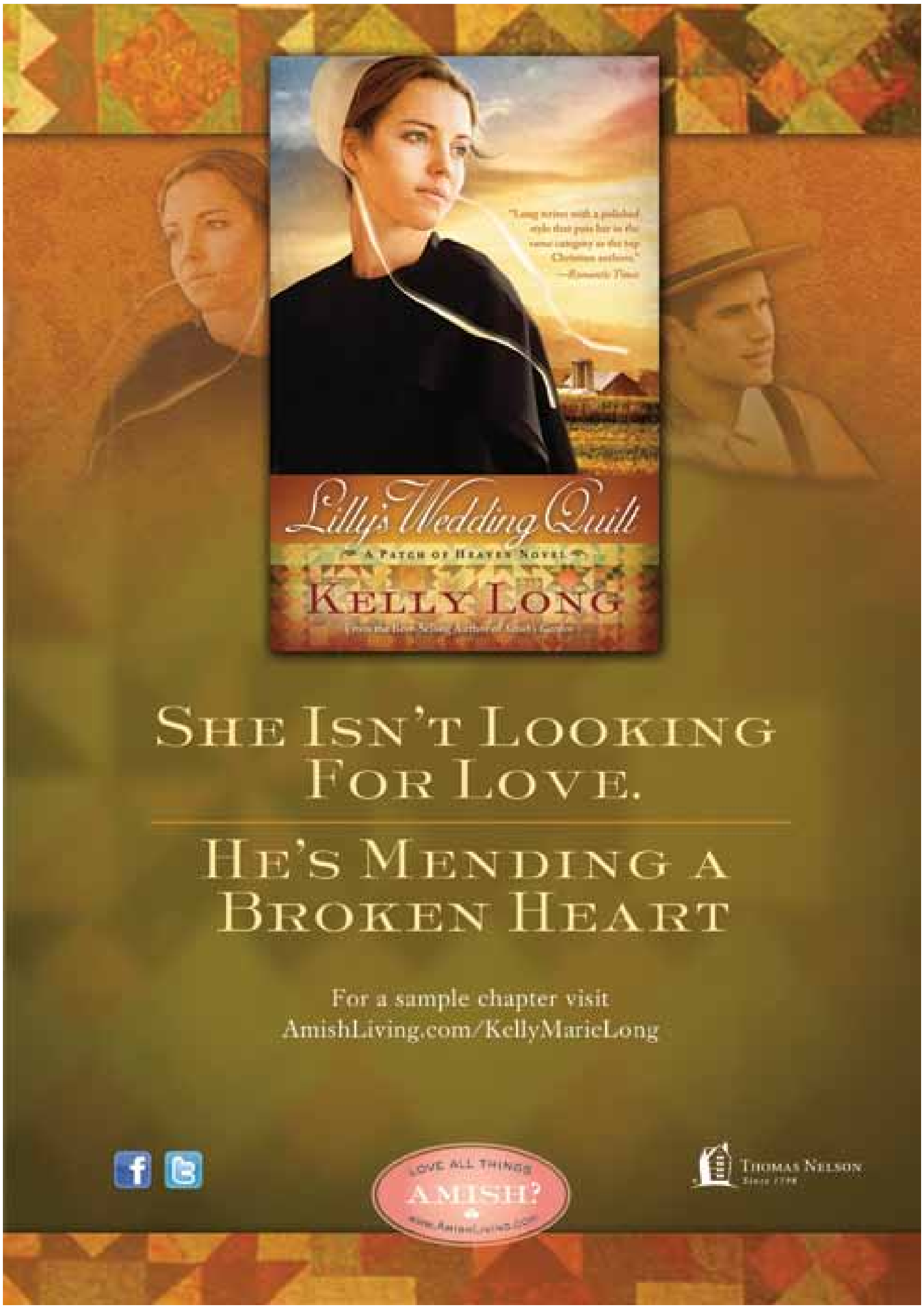

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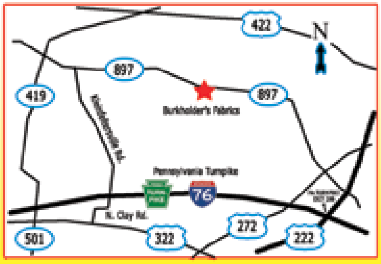

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Queen of Spain Visits Amish Country

On April 15, Queen Sofia of Spain was here with some children and grandchildren, and took an Amish Country Tour. Their farmland tour included a stop at Riehl's Quilts & Crafts, where they met some exchange students from Barcelona, who just happened to be there at the same time! Back at the Amish Experience, they toured the Amish Country Homestead, and ate family-style at Plain & Fancy. Since news of the royal visit was kept "secret," we are now happy to make note of it in Amish Country News.

A Riehl Business Family

Sam and Susie Riehl have a dairy farm, a quilt and craft shop popular with visitors, and a large extended family (as most Amish do). Here are two looks at a family we are pleased to call our friends….

A Family Business

by Clinton Martin

The Riehl family farm is a productive little corner of Lancaster County soil. Three generations lend a hand to keep the business going. At first blush, this is a quaint dairy farm. The herd, which is always well under 100 cows, is carefully tended, and the milk collected is sold to a larger co-op. Dairy farming is a treasured vocation among the Amish, as the values inherent in the work are compatible with their beliefs. However, the income from the milk business doesn't always provide a reliable way to pay the bills.

The Riehl family thus decided to open a shop on the farmstead selling their own hand-made quilts and crafts. Years ago, the storefront was literally in the basement of the family's farmhouse, where grandma sewed and sold. Over the years, the quilt and craft business grew, with word-of-mouth helping to bring new customers, and the one-of-a-kind shopping experience bringing back repeat visitors.

Today, a stand-alone building, itself a locally hand-made example of Amish workmanship, stands between the farmhouse and the dairy barn. The mortise and tendon beams overhead hearken back to a time gone by, and the ceiling fans hiss away as the compressed air motor pumps them into motion through "Amish Electricty."

But, a visit to the Riehl's shop isn't recommended solely by the uniqueness of the setting. The merchandise beckons with a variety not seen in any retail chain. Hundreds of hands have spent thousands of hours to piece together, one at a time, the amazingly beautiful quilts that are on display. More than just blankets – they become treasured household pieces. They decorate, they warm, or they become heirlooms handed down through generations. In addition to quilts, the Riehl's also have on display potholders, pillows, "quillows," and countless primitive home decorations, all laid out to delight shoppers of many tastes.

The storefront has grown to support many other families besides just the Riehls. Hundreds of Amish neighbors and friends put their talents to work, making sure the shop shelves are never empty. Be prepared to experience a slice of Amish life while you browse this treasure trove of hand made Amish Country goods.

A Business Family

by Brad Igou

"Why would anyone want to be Amish?" a visitor asked me one day. I tried to offer some ideas from my perspective, but I'm not sure how successful I was.

Then one night I went with an Amish friend to visit the Riehl family. Sam was just finishing up milking the cows when we arrived and went inside the house, where a warm fire was burning in the heat stove. We found seats at the far end of the kitchen and began to "visit," which for the Amish simply means to sit and talk.

Sam's wife, Susie, came over with their newest baby and gave it to Sam to hold. She looked over at me and smiled that kind of grin that only little babies can give. Sam rocked back and forth in his chair with the baby on his chest.

Meanwhile at the kitchen table, an older brother and sister spread out a board game to play. Beside me, the two-year-old sister dumped open a game of Monopoly and started to play with the money, just colored pieces of paper to her.

Suddenly, a door opened behind us and in walked grandma from the little section of the house where she lives. She probably heard some strange voices and decided to see who the visitors were. The two-year-old picked up some of the Monopoly money and tottered over to hand it to grandma, who kindly accepted it.

Our conversation ranged from milk prices, to stories about the many visitors who come to the farm, to the new Amish cemetery being prepared, to the comet that was appearing nightly in the sky, which I had yet to see.

Eventually, I remembered that Sam had to get up at 4:00 a.m. to milk the cows, and it was time to leave. Sam grabbed a flashlight to guide us down the walk to my car. As I stepped outside, I looked up into the sky and there, just above the tobacco shed, was the comet!

I said to my friend, "You know, sometimes people ask me why anyone would want to be Amish. If they had just spent the last two hours with us, they might understand." My Amish friend probably wondered what was so special about our visit. It was just a perfectly normal activity for him --- part of a family, a community, and a way of life. We bid each other goodnight and returned to our separate worlds.

"Why would anyone want to be Amish?" Thanks to Sam and Susie, I had my answer.

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Dutchland Quilt Patch Has You Covered

by Clinton Martin

Who doesn't like wrapping themselves up in a lovely quilt on a cold winter's night? Well, whether you sew yourself, or leave the needle and thread to the professionals, this shop has exactly what you are looking for. From fabrics, to finished pieces you can hang in any room of your home, the Dutchland Quilt Patch also has a wonderful selection of other gifts, many hand-made locally. The shopping experience is further sweetened by soft music spinning away a tune, and since there are two locations (one on route 30 just east of Miller's Smorgasbord, and the other on route 340 in the village of Intercourse) finding Dutchland Quilt Patch is easy. Dutchland Quilt Patch is a unique shop that always delights with its friendly, country atmosphere. Every quilt is a unique work of art and these beautiful custom hand-made quilts are made by as many as 80 local Amish and Mennonite women in their own homes.

The basic stages of making a quilt are piecing, marking, quilting, and binding. Various women may be involved in the different stages, but it is important that only one person do the actual quilting, or perhaps a mother and daughter, so that there is consistency. This allows the women to keep their tradition of working at home, while helping to support their families.

Of course, the value of an American-made quilt, as opposed to an import, will increase over time, if properly cared for. Prices range from $400 to $1,600, depending on size, amount of work, uniqueness, etc., although Dutchland Quits does have some one-of-a-kind specialty quits of even greater value. In most cases, the quilting price is based largely on how many yards of thread are used. The person doing the piecing tries to judge the cost of her work based on the time involved. The binding is yet another expense.

As fashions change, so do the colors and patterns that are in demand. At premiere craft shows, items seen in January will be in the stores by the fall. Since Lancaster is somewhat conservative, it may still take another year or so for a trend to catch on. All the more fun to look closely at the styles and ask questions of the shopkeepers when you're on your quilt hunt.

There are plenty of inexpensive machine-made quilts, just go to one of the "box stores." But to find a quilt that you will cherish and hand down as a family heirloom requires an investment of time and money -- probably the best reason why Dutchland Quilt Patch is more than worth your visit. Call 717-687-0534 for store hours.

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Geri's fun "Tricky Trade" kicks off the weekend and helps everyone get to know each other. There are also plenty of opportunities for dining out at Amish style restaurants, shopping for quilt and fabric supplies at discounted prices, and exploring interesting antique shops.

The group literally takes over an entire bed and breakfast inn, so once all the sewing machines are set up, they simply stay up all weekend. Fabric ends up being spread throughout the common room, making for a great and leisurely working space.

The cost of a weekend is $250, which includes two nights lodging, one country breakfast, one lunch, one supper, and a lovely Sunday brunch. At the time of this printing, available weekends were August 26-28, October 14-16, November 14-16, and 2012 dates are being added. Reserve your space by sending a registration form (found at Threadmakers.com) and a $50 deposit to Geri Wolf, 182 Andover Place, Robbinsville NJ, 08691. You can call 609-443-6596 for details, or email Meadowswoman@aol.com. See ad below for a special Amish Country News Threadmakers coupon.

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Capturing the Past for Each of Us

by Brad Igou

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvaina

Heritage. Now there's a word that gets used a great deal these days. What does it actually mean?

Wikipedia notes that cultural heritage is "the legacy of physical artifacts and intangible attributes of a group or society that are inherited from past generations, maintained in the present and bestowed for the benefit of future generations. Cultural heritage includes tangible culture (such as buildings, monuments, landscapes, books, works of art, and artifacts), intangible culture (such as folklore, traditions, language, and knowledge), and natural heritage (including culturally-significant landscapes)."

• Heritage Tourism •

With this notion of cultural heritage grew "heritage tourism." Here in Amish Country, the 1985 Hollywood movie, *WITNESS*, cast Lancaster County as an idyllic land of simple pleasures among the Amish. In the movie's wake, we were met with our highest levels of tourism ever. By the mid-nineties, however, local and regional leaders began to recognize that if the area was going to maintain its leadership in the tourism arena, it needed to create awareness for all of its authentic heritage sites and attractions, not just those pertaining to its most well-known citizens.

In 1994, Lancaster County applied for and was accepted as one of four pilot areas in the Pennsylvania Heritage Tourism Initiative, at which time the County created a community-based strategy that strives to balance the preservation of heritage resources with the economic benefits of sustainable tourism.

One of the most innovative components of the Heritage Initiative is its reliance on a set of locally devised authenticity guidelines for heritage sites, services, and events. These criteria were established to ensure an authentic quality experience for visitors and to promote the development of new interpretive materials where none previously existed. Thus, the Lancaster County Heritage logo has become the "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval" for visitors to seek out Lancaster's authentic heritage.

Our Spring edition of **Amish Country News** highlighted many of the artisans who have authentically preserved arts and crafts dating to Colonial Lancaster and who, as part of the County's Heritage Tourism Program, have received special designation as living traditions.

Agricultural heritage is among the most distinct aspects of the region. For centuries, our farms have served as the breadbasket to the East, and the intricate and colorful patchwork quilt of cropland remains our defining physical characteristic. Consistent with our goal of preserving our cultural heritage, Lancaster County has preserved more than 88,000 acres of farmland on 1,121 farms, making it the leading county in the Nation in farmland preservation, with the most productive non-irrigated farmland in the United States!

• More Than Farms •

But Amish Country is more than farms and agriculture. Lancaster City is a treasure chest of historic buildings, stories, museums, dining and shopping experiences. Scattered throughout the City's historic neighborhoods are small log houses, farmhouses, row houses, market houses, carriage houses, warehouses, and outhouses, as well as stately mansions, factories, churches, colleges and commercial buildings. In fact, Lancaster's history has a daily living presence within this modern city.

Central Market is recognized by the American Planning Association as one of 10 Great Public Spaces in America. It is the Nation's oldest farmers' market, housed in an 1889 "Romanesque Revival" building. Over 60 stand-holders offer a wide variety of foods during the Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday market days.

The city is home to the Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum, housing many of Lancaster's world famous Amish quilts; Wheatland, the mansion of Pennsylvania's only President, James Buchanan; historic Rockford, the estate of George Washington's Adjutant General, Edward Hand; Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, which interprets the history of the Underground Railroad; and the stunning Fulton Opera House, along with many other architectural gems.

South of town is another landmark of our history, the "Hans Herr House," the oldest surviving dwelling in Lancaster County, dating to 1719, and now part of a museum complex which includes three Pennsylvania

Cornwall Iron Furnace

Jake's Country Trading Post

Call A Truce On Your Shopping Excursion

by Clinton Martin

There is an interesting phenomenon about travel. It seems that the best way to visit a new place is often with an old friend. There are those who bravely sling a suitcase around on their own, but the vast majority of people vacationing, at least here in Amish Country, are accompanied by either their family or one of their best traveling friends. It isn't so hard to understand why.

Dinner conversations serve up varying views on sights seen and tours taken, and are invariably more interesting when shared from more than one perspective. But when it comes to shopping, the harmony of the trip can sometimes come undone. What one person wants to buy may well be what the other seeks to avoid. This may be one reason why the large outlet malls full of national chains are so popular here. A quarreling carload armed with shopping lists can pull in, disperse, and come back happy.

But, what about local flavor? It is increasingly en vogue to seek out things that are unique to an area, and Amish Country practically explodes with an embarrassment of riches when it comes to interesting local finds made right here - and scarcely found elsewhere. So, can the two noble aims of locale-centric and vastness of variety coincide? Can one bring peace to opposing shopping tastes while searching the shelves of a locally conscious shop? Of course!

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Jake's is actually two buildings on one property, with a great variety of outdoor merchandise connecting the two. It is quite honestly a place that the mindsets of two very different shoppers can simultaneously love. Beside beautiful country primitives, sturdy outdoor statuary rests. Behind the lace and fluff, awesome sports memorabilia and barware await discovery. Through the large selection of apparel, the funny old tin signs poke fun at the reader.

There is a touch of Amish Country here no doubt, but there is also so much more. Filling tall orders of different tastes is just a way of life beyond these doors. Call 717-687-8980 for store hours. There is often a coupon in Amish Country News to stretch a dollar even further, so keep your eyes open and, right now, let your fingers do the walking!

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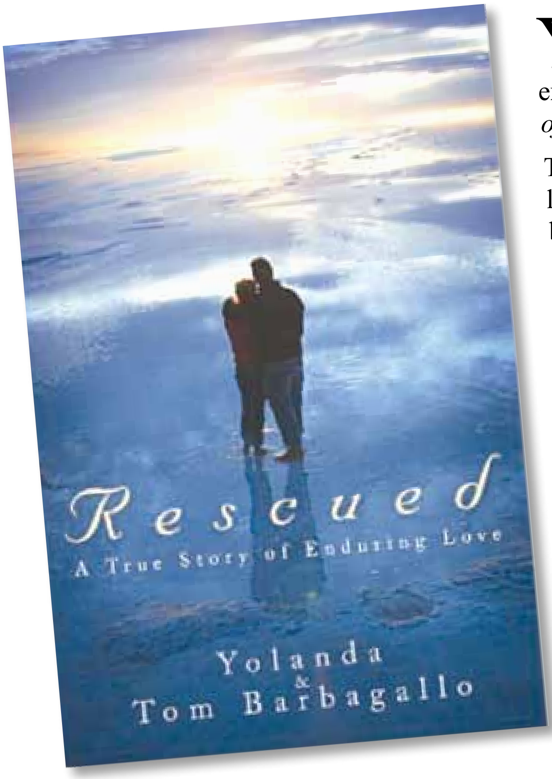

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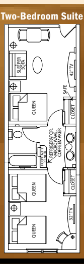

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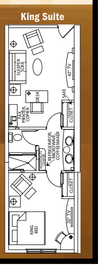

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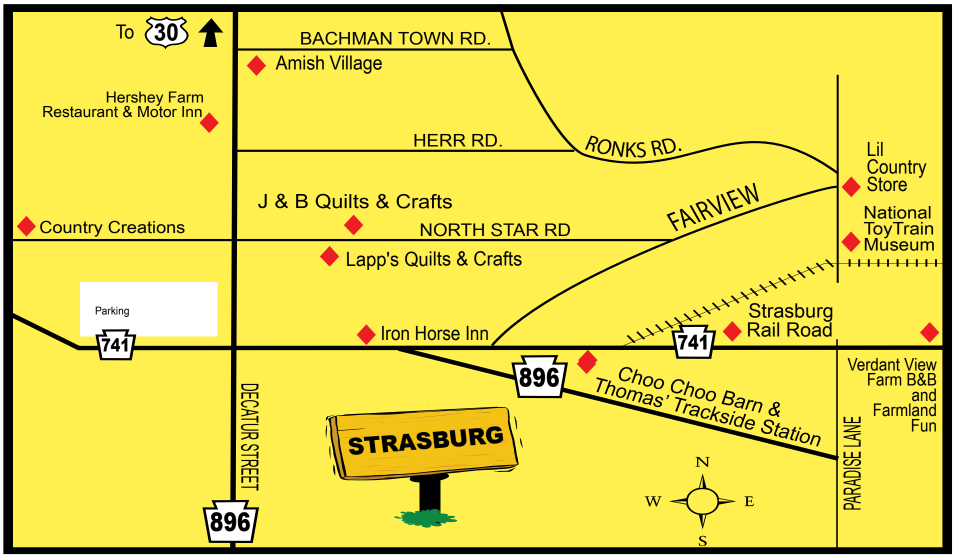
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All aboard! Strasburg is a major destination all its own in Lancaster County, and home to many well known attractions. Let's name just a few you may have heard of --- the Strasburg Rail Road, Sight & Sound Theatres, Ghost Tours of Lancaster, Cherry Crest Adventure Farm, National Toy Train Museum, and the Choo Choo Barn. But you may not know much about the interesting history of this town...

It is often noted that Strasburg, named for the city in France, was actually "founded" by a Frenchman, Pierre Bezaillion, who traded with the Delaware Indians. The story goes he came to the area in 1693, the same year associated with the origin of the Amish faith in Europe. So French fur traders opened up the first path through this area from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna River—known as "Minqua's Path."

To the east, a group of French Huguenots (Protestants unwelcome in the Catholic country of France) was settling at the same time: families with names like Ferree, LeFevre, and Rhinier, still prominent in Strasburg today.

As early as 1716, when the first wagon was used for hauling goods between Philadelphia and Lancaster County, the Indian path became known as the Conestoga Road. The first wagoner was John Miller. By 1717 there were two more wagons, and the first to be described as a Conestoga Wagon. The first buildings appeared in the village about 1733. A traveler, who drove through during the second half of the 18th century, described it as a village of log

Come On Down the Lane to Authentic Quilts on the Farm!

by Clinton Martin

Follow the signs for Esh Valley Quilts, and turn down the private lane, where your shopping adventure awaits. If it's been a while since your last visit to Esh Valley Quilts, you'll notice a few changes. The shop has been moved to the next lane over, to the smaller home adjoining the farm. The next generation of the Esh family has taken over the farm work, but the quilt and craft shop is as vibrant as ever. In fact, the storefront is about twice as large now.

What you'll find is that this is the perfect atmosphere in which to search for the perfect quilt. That is probably one reason the Esh family has been matching Lancaster County visitors with handmade heirloom quality quilts for nearly 20 years. Honestly, nobody in the family remembers just how long they have been running the neat little store right in their home, but the children who were tiny tots when the shop first opened are now married.

The oldest daughter is a skilled seamstress, piecing many of the quilts together, as well as sewing up the pillows and "quillows" that sit so nicely throughout the shop. The younger daughter is especially adept at stenciling, which is basically setting out the pattern on the fabric so the quilter knows where to stitch. With the whole family helping in various ways to make the quilt shop a success, consider yourself warmly welcomed as you search for your own heirloom quilt.

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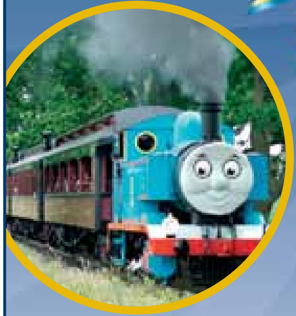

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houses. During the next half century, traffic on this road increased considerably, and Main Street Strasburg was developed. A remarkably intact village today, it boasts a number of buildings constructed before 1815.

The 1769 tax returns list several houses—53 log, 29 brick and four stone. About half were 2-story, indicative of the affluence of Strasburg, which in the late 18th century, was second only to Lancaster Borough in terms of relative wealth. Generally the oldest houses were built "on the street," with almost no setback, but deep back yards and spacious and productive flower and vegetable gardens.

Located along the major wagon routes between Philadelphia, Lancaster, and the Susquehanna River, Strasburg was one of the principal stopping stations and, with the heavy wagon traffic, it probably also had many rough travelers. At one time there were as many as eight or ten taverns or "ordinaries" here.

No doubt the religious nature of the first settlers was responsible for the village becoming a center for worship and education. In 1816, when the village was incorporated into a Borough, the name Strasburg was selected, from the Cathedral City from which the "Swissers" came—Strasbourg in Alsace.

In 1791, Bishop Francis Asbury preached in a tavern and reportedly said, "I believe we should have a house of worship and the Lord will have a people in this place." Later that year, Bishop Asbury organized the first Methodist congregation in town. In the early years of its development, the village was blessed with over a half dozen wealthy clergy and physicians. Because of their education and religious background, Strasburg became a cultural and educational center.

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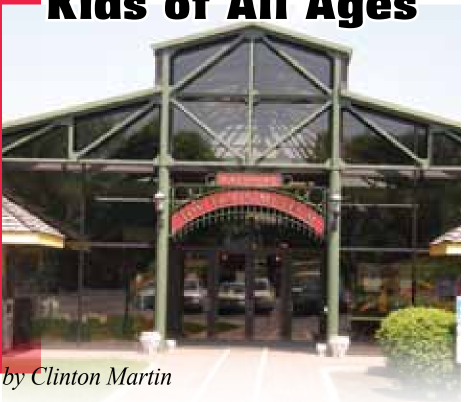

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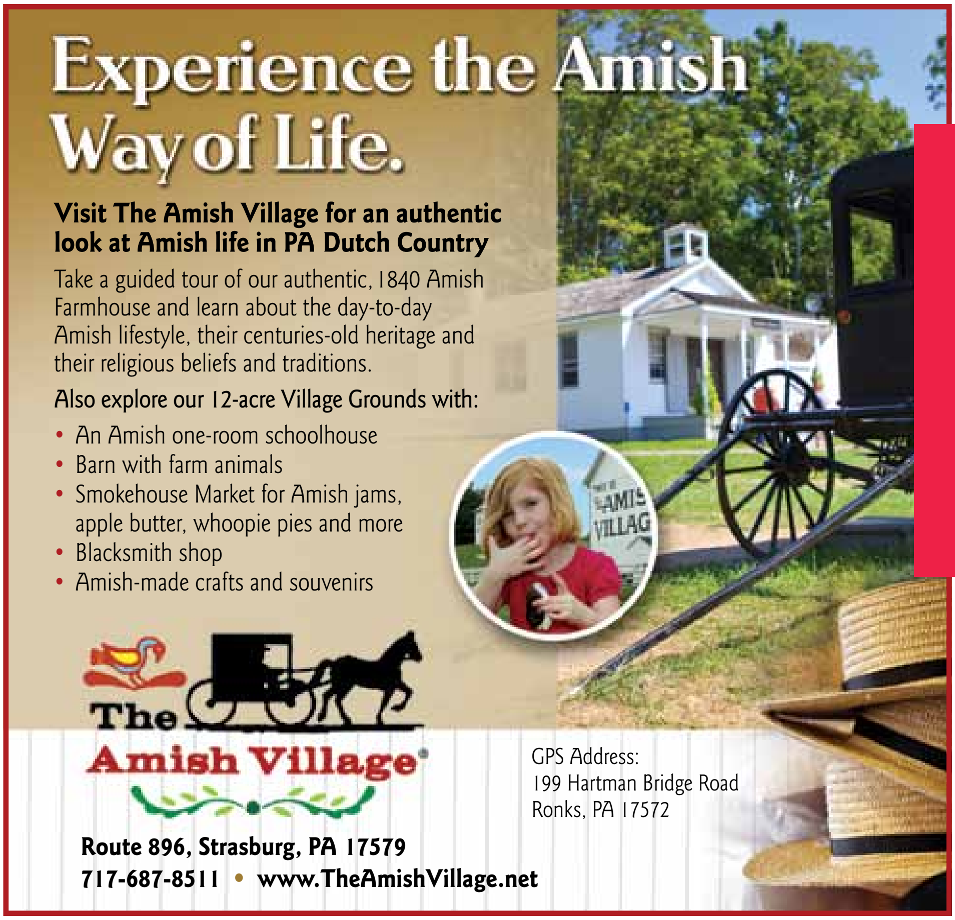
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Rev. Nathaniel Sample, a Presbyterian minister, was one such individual. In 1790 he founded the "Strasburg Philosophical Society," and in 1791 was also active in the creation of the "Strasburg Scientific Society." As far as is known, Rev. Sample founded Strasburg's first formal school in 1790—a classical academy in which he taught Greek and Latin. Sample also conducted a theological school in the east parlor of his home.

These academic enterprises near the close of the 18th century were followed during the 19th century by a flood of schools. On February 13, 1823, by an act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, an Academy was established in which "the languages, arts, and sciences will be taught." Nathaniel Sample was listed as the first superintendent.

In 1839, Rev. David McCarter, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, founded the Strasburg Academy at 37 East Main Street. (The present day Limestone Inn Bed & Breakfast was the headmaster's home and housed boarding students). The Academy gained the reputation of being one of the best academies in the country for both boarding and day students, and its students came from all over the East Coast and as far away as Cuba and Puerto Rico.

In 1841, Rev. McCarter opened a classical school for girls—the "Strasburg Female Seminary" at 17 East Main, quite an unusual institution for his time.

As Strasburg flourished, so did its neighbor to the east, Philadelphia. The commercial interests of Philadelphia pressured the State Legislature to improve the transportation network into their city. As a result, an internal improvements bill passed in 1826 to construct a series of canals. The Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road was also incorporated with financing provided by the state.

With these undertakings, Strasburg residents became alarmed at the possibility of losing their commercial position, and from this concern emerged the Strasburg Rail Road. In 1832 a charter was secured from the Pennsylvania Legislature to construct a line connecting Strasburg with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road main line near Paradise. Due to financial difficulties, the project was delayed. But finally in the 1850's the train was hauling freight and passengers. About 100 years later, business had dwindled, and a severe storm in 1957 destroyed much of the track. It seemed the Rail Road had reached the end of the line.

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Many of the older houses along Main Street were at one time private schools, academies or taverns. With so many of the structures still intact, the Strasburg Borough Council enacted an ordinance in 1970 that created a Historic District, in order to maintain the charm and historical significance of the village. The ordinance prohibits the altering of the façades of structures without approval by a "Board of Architectural Review." East Main, West Main and Miller (a continuation of West Main), plus two blocks of South Decatur Street constitute the Historic District, which is approximately 2 miles long, comprises 82.5 acres, and contains 193 buildings.

A significant aspect of the Historic District is the survival rate of the oldest buildings. At least 12 of the 29 oldest brick structures survive, all four of the oldest stone houses are still intact, and there are at least two dozen log houses still standing in the district, putting the survival rate of pre-1815 houses at approximately 50%, an amazing statistic indeed.

The Strasburg Heritage Society has created a free self-guided "Strolling Tour of Strasburg's Historic District." Brochures are available at various locations in town, including the Strasburg News Office (140 West Main), or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Strasburg Heritage Society, P. O. Box 81, Strasburg, PA 17579.

Reminders for Visitors to Amish Country

Although thousands of visitors come to Lancaster County to experience a bit of the Amish lifestyle, the Amish are a private people and find the attention somewhat disconcerting. It is important to respect their feelings while you're visiting. With that in mind, here are a few tips for fostering good relations between the Amish and non-Amish.

No pictures, please! Don't ask an Amish person to pose for a picture. If asked, most will politely refuse. It is against the convictions of our Amish neighbors to have their pictures taken, except in very special situations. Please respect this belief and do not take photos without permission, just as you would like to have your beliefs respected.

Hold your horses. Driving along area roads, you will no doubt encounter numerous Amish carriages, or "buggies," as visitors like to call them. Do not honk your horn, because the sound may frighten the horse and cause an accident. Instead, wait until it is safe to pass and then give the buggy plenty of room. Be sure not to cut back in the lane too sharply in front of the horse. The county's roads are generally wide enough that you should be able to pass most buggies without much of a problem.

No Trespassing. Do not trespass onto private Amish property for a "closer look." Amish homes are not museums, and Amish people are not exhibits. Please respect their property and privacy as you would like others to respect your own. You can get a good sense of Amish life at many area visitor attractions and on guided tours.

Waving. Do not be offended if the Amish do not wave back to your friendly gesture. With all the people who wave to them throughout a day, they would be waving back all day if they did!

A final word... Remember that the Amish are not on vacation and are not costumed actors. They are real people going about their daily lives. They are not here to serve as tour guides or attractions for visitors. This, after all, is their home, so please respect their beliefs and lifestyle.

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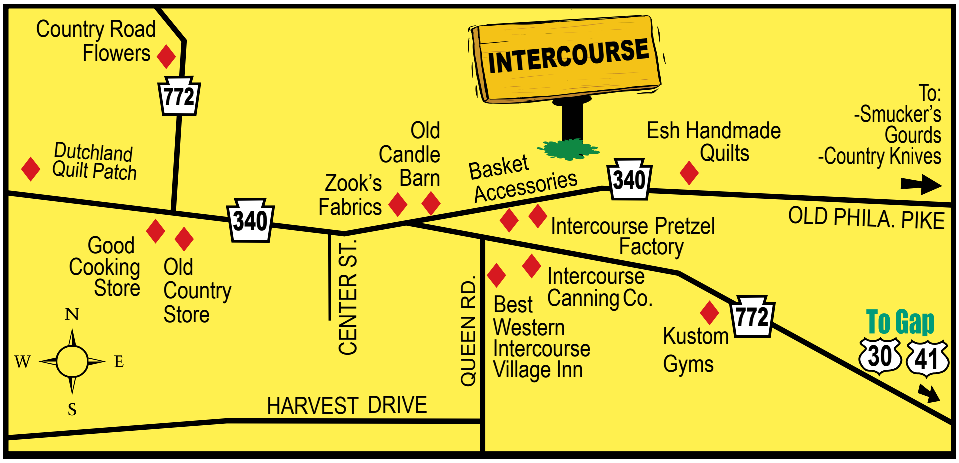
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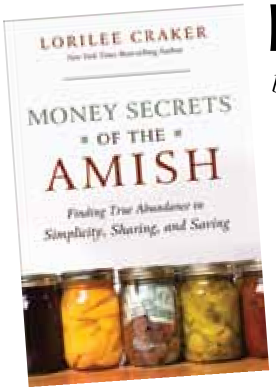
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Book Review

by Terri Mastrobuono, guide for the Amish Experience, Drama Teacher and noted Actor in Lancaster County

Money Secrets of the Amish by New York Times Best-selling author Lorilee Craker is sub-titled "Finding True Abundance in Simplicity, Sharing, and Saving." At first glance, one might do a double-take, thinking, "Wait, aren't the Amish those folk who live off the land and don't use money?" Ah, but they DO! And, as Ms. Craker so clearly underscores with her book, they use it wisely. So wisely, that we "English" (as we are known to the Amish) could learn a lot from a closer look at how the Amish think about and manage finances. This closer look is just what Ms. Craker gives us in her sprightly, often entertaining, and very readable book.

Ms. Craker is a descendant of the early Anabaptists, the religious denomination of which both the Amish and the Mennonites are a part. She is, in fact, Mennonite and sharing this fact with a buggy driver on a visit to Lancaster is what began her own journey of discovery about the Amish and money. She and the buggy driver spoke a little German together, and she immediately felt a connection to her roots. Later, she, like many, was feeling the pinch of the financial crisis of 2008. Freelance writing assignments were drying up, her husband's pay was cut, book sales sagged, and the house her family was selling to buy a larger one for a growing family appraised at $27,000 less than what they had paid for it! In the midst of the ensuing turmoil, she heard a news item about a particular sub-culture in America who were doing just fine in the financial crisis – the Amish! The very culture of her roots! So, armed with raw curiosity as well as the need to know, she traveled from her home in Michigan to begin a long stay in Lancaster county.

In the process, she spoke with bankers who work chiefly with Amish clients, those who have studied and written about the Amish, such as Dr. Donald Kraybill, and, of course with the Amish themselves: bishops, farmers, housewives, buggy makers, woodworkers, quilters, bakers, roadside stand owners, and those involved in the myriad farms and cottage industries in Lancaster County.

The result is 14 well-organized chapters that each address a particular money habit that enable the Amish to live frugally but well. She covers everything from re-using to avoiding debt to bartering. At the end of each chapter is an "Amish Money Makeover", a very practical tip on how to apply the same principles the Amish use in one's own life. Each chapter is peppered with Ms. Craker's ample humor and she takes palpable delight in discovering the difference these principles make in her own financial health. So what could be a slow read on a dry subject becomes a book that goes down like a cold, homemade root beer on a hot July day in Paradise!

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handsome building lots of $250 each to be drawn for by number.” He stressed “the great importance of so many turnpikes and great leading roads intersecting at and near this place.” Renaming the town made sense, as intercourse had a common usage referring to the pleasant mutual fellowship and frequent intermingling, which was so common in the informal atmosphere of the quiet country village of the day. On to yet another theory on the town’s name...

Horse races then were conducted on a mile long straightaway that began at the end of town The area was called the “Enter Course,” eventually Intercourse. A postal historian claims that when the town’s name was changed from “Entercourse” to “Intercourse,” “there was no hesitancy on the part of the United States Post office Department to accept the name ‘Intercourse’ since it meant a commercial or trading site.”

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Over time, Brungard's scheme begat others. As recently as 1971, an enterprising soul tried to take advantage of the town's name by selling deeds for one-inch square plots of Intercourse to visitors. Creative, but nonetheless a failure.

The town grew slowly and by 1880 Intercourse had a population of 280. The post office actually moved among stores or restaurants whose owners hoped visits by residents would increase their business.

The local stagecoach service started around 1898. It was "a single horse conveyance similar to a market wagon, with a roll-up curtain and double set of seats." The stagecoach brought items from Lancaster City for local businesses, and even picked up milk, butter, and eggs for delivery to Lancaster restaurants. When it snowed, a bobsled was used instead. When the driver knew of passengers beforehand, their comfort was added to by many a hot brick heated the night before in the oven, and wrapped in newspaper to preserve its warmth. As the days of the dirt road drew to a close, so too did the stagecoach era. In 1923 a Transit Company was organized and bus service was initiated to and from Lancaster. While "many of the Amish residents of the area were anxious to see the line started. But they did not want to invest in stock of the Company. Instead they bought books of tickets which were really prepaid bus fares." Enough money was raised to buy a Mack Auto Bus for $6,800. It held 25 passengers and even had solid rubber tires!

There have always been a lot of businesses in the town in relation to its size. Perhaps the most famous is Zimmerman's Hardware whose notoriety was assured when Harrison Ford made a phone call from its porch in the blockbuster movie WITNESS.

Today Intercourse has been recognized as a "foodie" town by the Visitor's Bureau. With the Intercourse Canning Company welcoming visitors from around the world to sample and purchase its much sought after lines of jams, jellies and canned fruits and vegetables; the Intercourse Pretzel Factory making artisan hand-rolled pretzels the old fashioned way; and, the restaurant at the Intercourse Best Western Inn serving up home-made PA Dutch specialties throughout the day, there's plenty to satisfy one's hunger.

Some of the town's most interesting specialty shops include Dolly Bodacious for vintage linen and jewelry; Country Road Flowers for beautiful arrangements; the Old Candle Barn for candles and a whole lot more; Zook's Fabrics with both great prices and selection; and Basket Accessories with Longaberger and Amish baskets.

The Old Country Store with its amazing quilts for sale, also has a museum on the second floor, and nearby are the Village Pottery and the Main Street Book Shop. Brand new this year is The Good Cooking Store, with all kinds of wonderful things for the kitchen.

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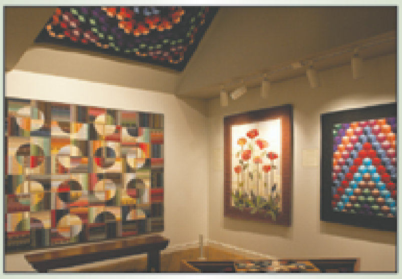

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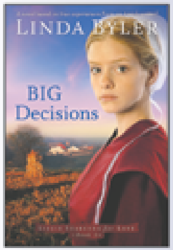

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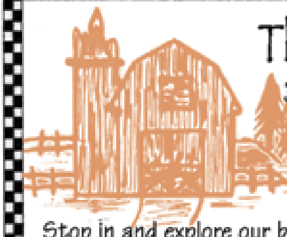
The eclectic mix of shops include, close to town, Kustom Gyms and the Leacock Coleman Center. Heading east you'll find Esh's Handmade Quilts, a visitor favorite right on an Amish dairy farm, and a bit further east Country Knives, an unexpected find that truly is "one sharp store."

Over the years, this fascinating village certainly has changed, but slowly. It seems to us that "sometimes the things that grow the slowest are the ones that endure the longest." 🐎



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Intercourse Village Restaurant Offers A Taste of Amish Country

by Brad Igou

When visiting the rolling farmland of Amish Country, most people want to sample the sweets we're most known for – shoofly pie and whoopie pies! And, most visitors want to talk with the locals and learn about the way of life that makes this corner of Pennsylvania special. There's a quiet, comfortable restaurant in the Village of Intercourse that will give you this slice of local life – Intercourse Village Restaurant.

Conveniently located near the intersection of Routes 340 and 772 in the heart of Intercourse, the Intercourse Village Restaurant is within a few blocks of the many unique shops found in this quaint small town. Here, you'll find down-home cooking, from hearty breakfasts to our "All-You-Can-Eat" Specials. Local PA Dutch dishes like chicken & waffles and chicken potpie are mixed with menu features like the Village Burger or breaded shrimp.

As the only full-service restaurants in the main part of town, the guests at Intercourse Village Restaurant may be from the farm down the road, or visiting from miles away. Locals are greeted by name while their neighboring Amish daughters serve you.

Open early for breakfast Monday through Saturday, the diverse menu selections keep you coming back for more. Hearty breakfasts start the day, whether you choose the Amish, Mennonite, or country specials. Each day, the restaurant also features an "All-You-Can-Eat" special, which is usually a PA Dutch feature. A plentiful selection of sandwiches and entrees are available for lunch or dinner; and the desserts are local specialties! Treat yourself to a little slice of shoofly pie, hot apple fritters or an apple dumpling heated and served with ice cream. MMMMM!

Intercourse Village Restaurant is located on the grounds of Best Western Intercourse Village Inn, a convenient and comfortable lodging property featuring 40 rooms and suites. All lodging guests enjoy free breakfast in the restaurant as part of their stay. Children under 18 are free and the location is unparalleled – right in the heart of the Village of Intercourse.

The Intercourse Village Inn & Restaurant is owned and operated by the Thomas family whose 25-year tradition of serving visitors to Lancaster County is reflected in their friendly and professional service. Come enjoy a taste of Amish Country and see for yourself what the local flavor is all about!

The restaurant is open Monday – Saturday, 6 am – 8 pm. For information, call 717-768-3637 or visit www.AmishCountryInns.com. 🐎

2011 Amish Series: The Amish in the Year 2100 A.D.

by Brad Igou

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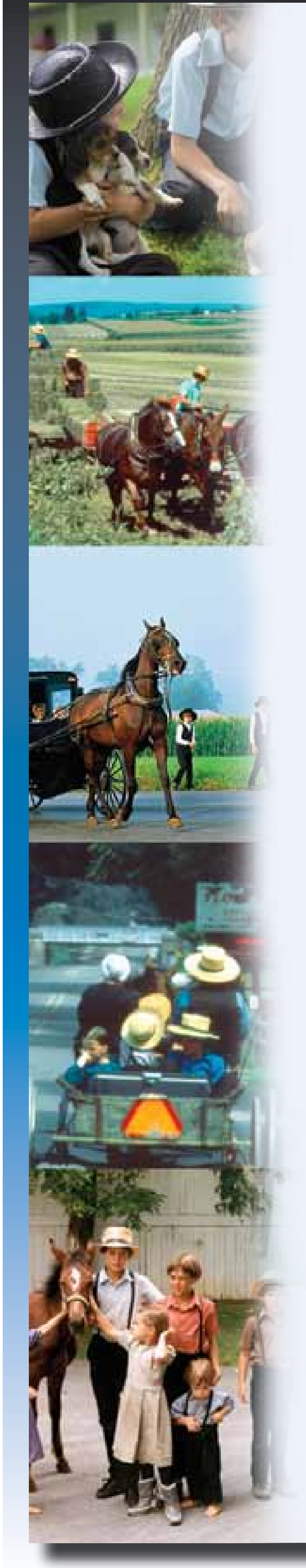

None of us can really know what the future will bring, but the Amish always seem "behind" the rest of the world. Nevertheless, the Amish of today are quite different from the Amish of 100, or even 50 years ago. Indeed, if an Amishman came back from the past, he might be shocked to see how his brethren live today. But it was their ability to adapt and change that helped them to survive and flourish in the 20th century. So let's have a little fun with all of this and imagine what our lives and those of the Amish might be like in 90-100 years....

Part 2: Tourism and "Farming"

In the old days, tourists in cars stopped at roadside stands and Amish businesses to buy things. Since cars are a thing of the past in the year 2100 A.D., except in Amish communities, most tourists arrive in Amish Country by air, in the comfort of their airmobile. So nowadays the Amish have adapted to the space age by putting up large signs in the fields that can be read from the air. Landing pads were built so the airmobile tourists have a place to park when they visit.

When the flying "airmobiles" replaced "automobiles," the Amish finally accepted cars as a way to keep everyone "on the ground." Just as buggy rides were popular with tourists in the late 20th century, many visitors now go to the Amish areas to be taken on a car ride. Families are happy to pile into an old jalopy and have an Amishman take them on a brief driving tour. The tours are usually short because the pace is so slow that, after about 30 minutes, the novelty has worn off. The average space age kids are bored and unhappy on their brief fling with nostalgia.

And this all brings us to farming. It was milk and cows that largely changed things for the Amish in the 21st century. Having purchased almost all the farmland that went up for sale in Lancaster, the Amish ended up with a virtual "monopoly" on milk production. Synthetic milk just didn't taste like the real thing. So, unlike the old days when it was difficult to make a living as a dairy farmer, Amish fortunes suddenly changed. The Amish became the world's "experts" on cows and milk production.

The end of the horse and buggy also meant the end of horses for farmwork. When the growing of fruits and vegetables started moving into giant temperature controlled buildings, the Amish snatched up all forms of tractors. In the 1990's, it was organic foods that were the expensive items at the supermarket. Now, it is "land-grown" or "outdoor-grown" foods that command the high prices. Buying these products "on the farm" saves the space age visitor much money, and most agree the taste is far superior to the indoor grown and synthetic foods.

Naturally, Amish restaurants are all the rage. It is quite a novelty to see foods prepared "from scratch" by human hands. The tastes are so unusual and highly prized that people come from all over the world to eat. Indeed, so much farmland was being taken up for landing pad parking areas that the Amish elders put a limit on the number of Amish restaurants that would be allowed in the community! You need to make reservations weeks, even months, in advance.

A popular attraction in Lancaster County is the Amish Country Farmhouse. Here visitors tour a typical Amish home of 2100 A.D. Electric lights and appliances arouse the most curiosity. The Amish community now generates its own electricity. The change to electricity actually came before the change to the car. Such quaint devices as electric lamps, stoves, refrigerators, irons, blenders, and old-fashioned word processors astound and fascinate tourists of all ages.

After a visit to Lancaster County, many visitors go home saying that there are valuable lessons to be learned from these Amish, who live in the old, traditional style of people in the previous millennium. Some tourists even tell their astonished grandchildren that they remember growing up this way! Others wonder if perhaps something has been lost with all the speed, technology, and progress that are now a part of our lifestyle in the year 2100 A.D.

the Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy Farm

1959 52nd Anniversary 2011

Last year marked the 51st anniversary of three of Lancaster's premiere attractions, all at one location on the AAA designated Scenic Cultural Byway, Route 340, mid-way between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse.

Plain & Fancy Farm celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009 as the very first family-style restaurant. It remains a legendary dining experience. At the same time, Amish Country Tours (Dutchland Tours) began the first regularly scheduled tours for visitors through the scenic Amish farmlands. And 1959 also marked the opening of the Amish Country Homestead, the only Amish house tour designated a Heritage Site by Lancaster County.

Amish House Tour Unravels Riddles

Amish people wouldn't appreciate visitors walking through their homes all day…nor would you! So the best way to see the inside of a house is on a tour. At the Amish Country Homestead, the staff is committed to interpreting the changing Amish lifestyle. Rather than a museum, it has the feel of a real, "lived in" home. Guides take visitors on a fascinating 45-minute tour through the nine rooms. Discover how church is held in the home and hear the singing. See how Mom does her laundry---with a gasoline engine! Upstairs learn about Plain dress, while the kids enjoy the marble rollers.

The Fisher Amish Schoolroom is where you (or the kids) can sit at actual Amish school desks and learn how all eight grades are taught in one room. An Amish schoolteacher helped decorate the room to give it the feel of a real school. It's all included in the house tour.

Interpreting the ever-changing Amish culture respectfully and accurately is no easy task. The authenticity of the Amish Country Homestead resulted in its designation as the only Heritage Site Amish house tour in Lancaster County.

Amish Hi-Tech

In 1995, a new concept in interpreting Amish life debuted when the Amish Experience F/X Theater became only the third "experiential" theater in North America. The goal of this one-of-a-kind project was to give a more personal, intimate view of the Amish, connecting past to present. Rather than a somber documentary, the story goes inside an Amish family as their son Jacob struggles to decide whether to remain in the Amish faith.

An important missing link in most tellings of the Amish story is the persecution of the Anabaptists in Europe and the perilous journey to America. Rather than observe, visitors will now feel a part of history as special effects, including an amazing technology called "Pepper's Ghost," combine with smoke, wind, rain, and fire effects in a wrap-around barnyard setting.

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A Lancaster Original

Amos, Ben, Manny and Elmer are the Amish farmers who supply the Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant with sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelon, cabbage, broccoli, squash, peppers and onions. These neighbors, and the neighbors before them, have helped Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant go "from farm to table" for over 50 years. The restaurant is AAA recommended, a PA Preferred and ServSafe award winner, and the Pennsylvania recipient of USA Today's Great Plate Award.

The Amish Farm Feast

Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant is best known for being Lancaster County's original family-style restaurant. The all-you-can-eat Amish Farm Feast includes your entrees, side dishes, starters, desserts and beverages. Enjoy fried chicken, roast beef, chicken pot pie, baked sausage, real mashed potatoes, buttered noodles, green and yellow string beans, dried sweet corn, chow chow, cole slaw, raisin bread, rolls and apple butter, lemonade, iced tea, hot tea, coffee, sour cream apple crumb pie, shoo-fly pie and vanilla ice cream. A $3 off coupon valid for each adult in the party can be found adjacent to this article.

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The restaurant also offers a new ala carte menu featuring mouth watering appetizers, signature soups and salads, charbroiled burgers and sandwiches, and made-from-scratch entrees and platters. The ala carte menu is also a great value with Lunch Specials from $7.95 and Dinner Specials from $10.95.

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Find books, videotapes, candles, souvenirs and local handcrafts, and more. Explore The Country Store's collection of traditional Amish clothing, straw hats, bonnets, toys and dolls, and discover new treasures to adorn your kitchen and home. You'll find seasonal items as well as Christmas decorations, available year-round. The store also features Kitchen Kettle jams and jellies, bakery fresh items from Miller's Bakery, and Plain & Fancy chow chow and apple butter.

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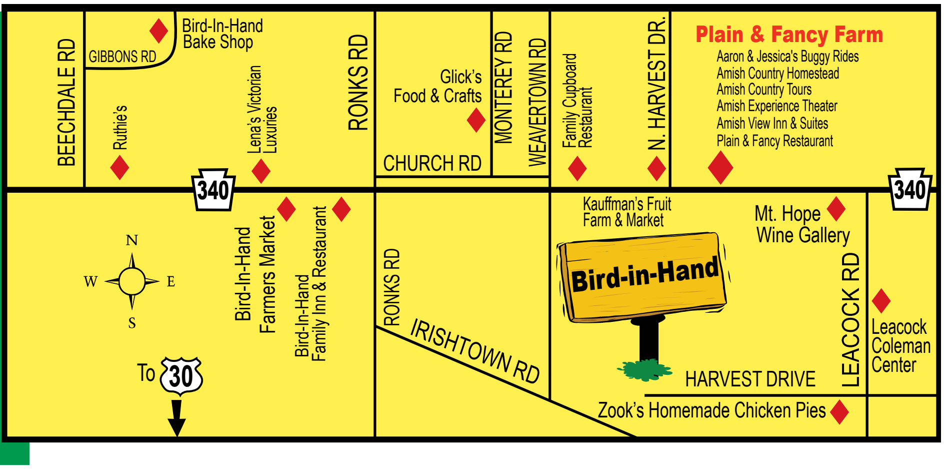
Where It All Began

With all of these amenities and attractions in one beautiful location surrounded by Amish farmland, the Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy is the ideal starting point to enjoy all that the area has to offer as you create your own special Lancaster County experience!

Welcome to the Village of Bird-in-Hand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Of the many unique village names that dot the Amish Country map, one of the more interesting is Bird-in-Hand.

The story of the town of Bird-in-Hand is as colorful as the name itself. To be correct, the town is really a village, since it has no governing body. When Bird-in-Hand celebrated its 250th Anniversary (1734 – 1984), a commemorative booklet was put together. It outlined a brief history of the town…

William Penn, an English Quaker, had founded the colony of Penn's Woods (Pennsylvania), and settlers began arriving from Europe in the early 1700's, moving westward from the port city of Philadelphia.

"When the Old Philadelphia Pike became a well-established route of transportation for those traveling west to the Alleghenies, Lancaster became known as the gateway to the west." The trip by stagecoach for passengers, or Conestoga wagon with freight and merchandise, lasted several days. Inns were built every few miles, identified with signs held by an iron pole or attached to the side of the building.

The reason for these signs was twofold. First, they could be understood by all nationalities. Most travelers were either English or German-speaking people, but other languages were not uncommon. Secondly, many teamsters or wagoneers were poorly educated and could not read. If they were given orders to stop at a certain inn, they could do so by recognizing the artwork on the signboard.

The old legend of the naming of Bird-in-Hand concerns the time when the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out between Lancaster and Philadelphia. By 1734, road surveyors were making McNabb's hotel, built by pioneer landowners William and Dorothy McNabb, their headquarters rather than returning to Lancaster every day for lodging.

Legend says that two road surveyors were discussing whether they should stay at their present location or go to the town of Lancaster to spend the night. One of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," and so they remained. The sign in front of the inn is known to have once "portrayed a man with a bird in his

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by Clinton Martin

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To get to Zook's, hop on Route 340, half-way between the villages of Intercourse and Bird-in-Hand, turn south off on Old Leacock Road. Less than a mile ahead, Zook's is on the corner of Old Leacock and Harvest Drive. Call 717-768-0239 for hours.

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by Clinton Martin

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The bakers, Butch and Linda Miller, realized that with all that food and their peaceful country setting, visitors might want to linger and relax. The large wrap around porch provides an excellent place to enjoy a hot cinnamon roll and a steaming cup of coffee. And with more than enough green grass to go around, they have installed several picnic areas, along with public restrooms and waste bins for your picnic use.

Finally, since the Millers have a family of their own, they know it is important to keep the children entertained on a vacation. So while you shop, your children can burn some energy outdoors in the huge play area. And any setting such as this just wouldn't be right without some animals. The petting zoo has indeed become a wonderful addition.

It may be a little off the beaten path, but at the Bird-in-Hand Bake shop you will truly savor the quiet peacefulness and baked goodness found only in the heart of Amish Country. The Millers say it best, "You can consider yourself personally invited to come and spend a day with us in beautiful Amish Country. We are confident that you will find our baked goods, crafts, and location second to none."

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Bird-in-Hand (Cont'd from Page 36)

hand and a bush nearby, in which two birds were perched," and soon was known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn.

"The last hand-painted sign featuring the bird in hand was done by Benjamin Elmer Leaman and his artwork merely portrayed a bird in a hand." Variations of this sign appear throughout the town today. Some residents might say that the bird nestled in the human hand indicates friendship, comfort, and hospitality.

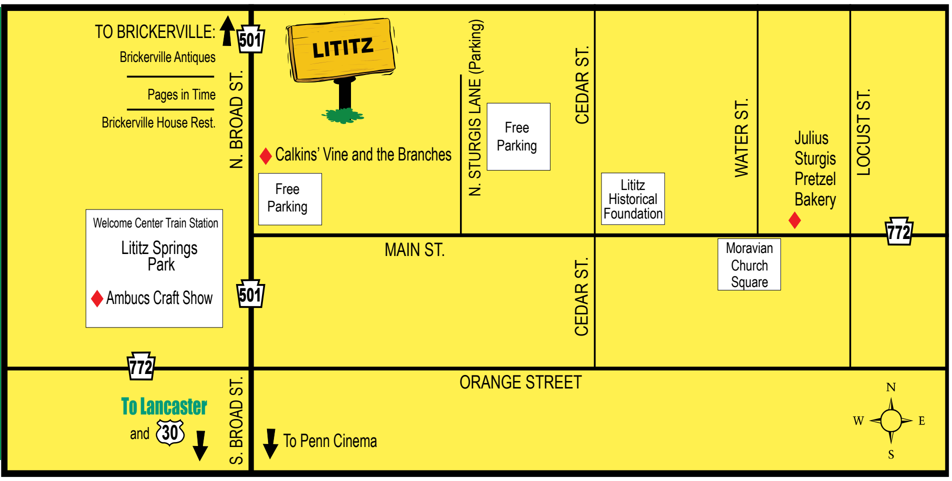
The original hotel was destroyed by fire about 1851. By the following year, a three-story hotel was built to replace it.

More recently, it was Bitzer's Hotel before becoming the present Village Inn of Bird-in-Hand, a beautiful bed and breakfast property. The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County said that the existing brick building "may be one of the few 19th century inns in the context of a small town in Lancaster County, which survives with a high degree of architectural integrity." It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Gibbons is an important name in the town's history. Quaker activists, the Gibbonses operated the primary Underground Railroad "station" for slaves escaping from the South. It is said that Hannah and Daniel Gibbons helped about 1,000 slaves. "A single tap on the window at night indicated to everyone in the family that a fugitive was there. The escapees were taken to the barn and in the morning brought to the house separately," where each was given a new identity.

Today, the town of Bird-in-Hand is still small, said to have a population of only about 300 people. On any given day, there may be more visitors than inhabitants. Many are city folks who have come to enjoy the country atmosphere, history, and shopping. It is said that visitors "can still expect friendly shopkeepers, homegrown Lancaster County foods, and restful lodging for weary travelers."

Historic Lititz • A Hometown Treasure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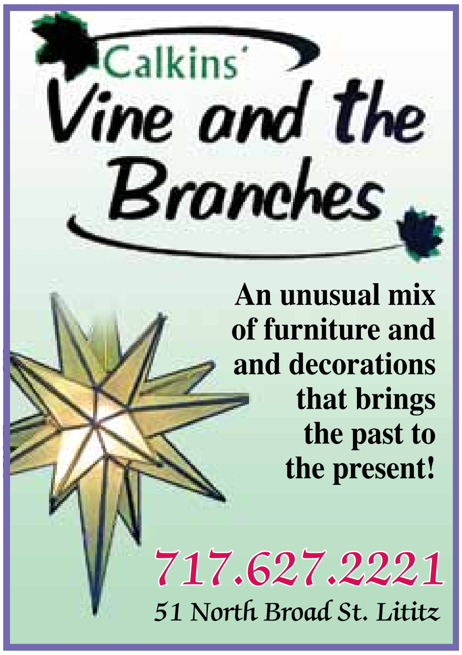
There really is no place quite like Lititz, and everyone should plan to spend some time there while in Amish Country.

Lititz Springs Park is a popular spot for locals, and the site for many community activities. Indeed, the town's 4th of July Celebration, begun in 1818, is reputedly the "oldest continuing community-wide observance in the United States." Historians say the springs are what brought Indians to the area. Spearheads have been found nearby, dating back to perhaps 6,000 B.C. A recent local journal states that "Main Street was traveled by human beings for at least 10,000 years."

The Lititz story is tied to that of the Moravian faith in Bohemia. It was in the present-day Czech Republic that John Hus and followers founded the Moravian Church in 1457. Historians note that since this was 60 years before Luther's Reformation, the Moravians may lay claim to being the oldest organized Protestant Church. But over the course of the Thirty Years War, its 200,000 members nearly disappeared. In the 18th century, a renewal of the Moravian Church came through the patronage of Count Zinzendorf of Saxony.He invited all those persecuted for their faith to come to his lands in Saxony.

As was the case with other persecuted religious groups in Europe, many Moravians sought freedom by taking the perilous journey to the New World, arriving in the early 1700's, with the main settlements becoming established in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Missionary work was integral to the faith, and preachers were sent from the Moravian community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Zinzendorf himself arrived in America in 1742. A local resident, John Klein (Kline), was so moved by hearing Zinzendorf's preaching that he made arrangements to transfer his lands over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to the Moravian community in 1755. It was in the following year that the town actually got the name of Lititz, the German spelling for Lidice, where European Moravian reformers had taken refuge in 15th century.

In addition to mission work, music and education were important to the Moravians. In fact, the Lititz schoolhouse erected in 1746 marked the beginnings of what was to be Linden Hall, the oldest continuously operating residence school for girls in the United States.

For about a hundred years, Moravian church members were the only people permitted to live in the town. A Brothers' House and Sisters' House were erected for the unmarried men and women, although they did not live communally. It was not until 1855 that non-Moravians were allowed to own their own houses.

The complex of buildings comprising the Moravian congregation is well worth seeing, particularly the church built in 1787. A museum and gift shop are also on the grounds.

Two names are linked forever with the history of Lititz --- Sturgis and Sutter. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World in Lititz.. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places.

A tour of the bakery is unlike any other. Inside, you get to try your hand at pretzel twisting. It's not as easy as it looks. Guests also may see the old brick bake ovens, as well as the more modern facilities. It's not unusual to see visitors walking the streets with their white Sturgis souvenir hats and big bags of pretzels to take home.

John Sutter was born in Switzerland and in 1834, fleeing creditors in Europe, arrived in New York. In time, he headed west and sailed up the Sacramento River to begin a settlement. By 1848, work was being done on a mill when some gold flakes were spotted in the water. Soon Gold Rush fever struck and Sutter's land was overrun. Because of his need to be near Washington, D.C. while seeking reimbursement for his lost lands, the Sutters stayed one summer at the Springs Hotel in Lititz. They decided to settle there, and promptly bought a home and placed their children in school. The hotel is now known as the General Sutter Inn, and the Sutter home built in 1871 is across the street at 19 East Main Street.

The more you explore Lititz, with storefront after storefront of unique family owned shops, the more you'll agree it is one of Amish Country's best kept secrets!

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by Clinton Martin

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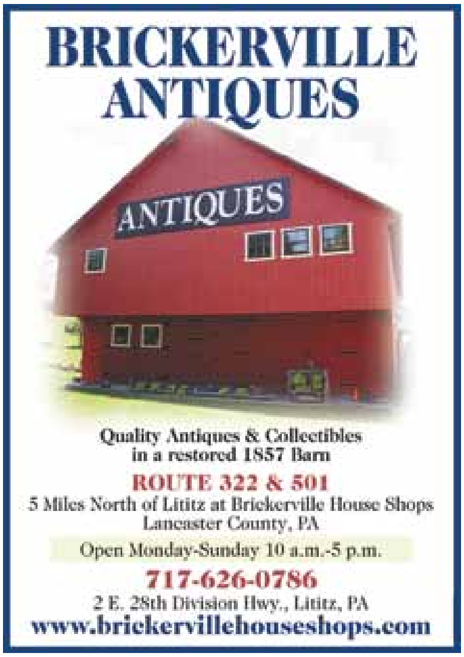
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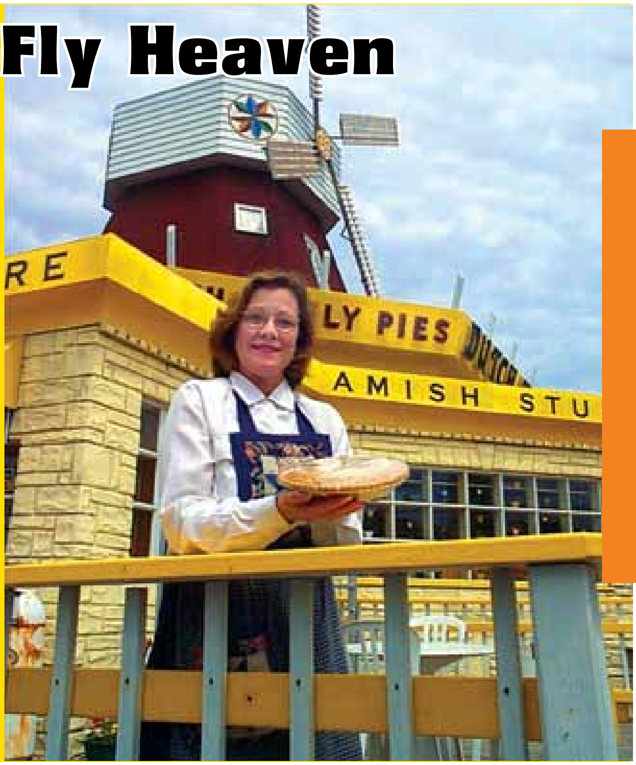
In a few short miles, you'll come to the crossroads of Route 501 and 322. Turn right, east that is, and park at the Brickerville House to eat (20% coupon on this page, and great food!) and shop the specialty stores, including Brickerville Antiques in its restored 1857 barn, and the adjacent Pages in Time, with over 50,000 ways for scrapbooking fans to "scrap" their page.

There's still gas in the tank, and with this our annual Heritage issue, may we suggest you either head west to the Cornwall Iron Furnace, or east to Ephrata and the remarkable Ephrata Cloister. Don't forget the coupon on page 17.

Dutch Haven – Shoo-Fly Heaven

by Brad Igou

Visitors have been coming to Lancaster County by traveling Route 30 for literally hundreds of years. But for over 50 years, a very special building has signaled their arrival in Amish Country. It's been around long enough that folks tell their grandchildren about it. It has a claim on being the area's oldest visitor landmark. Most importantly, it's the "place that made shoo-fly pie famous." That building is the landmark Dutch Haven windmill, with its revolving arms still beckoning travelers to stop and come inside.



Tourism first started to grow in Lancaster in the 1940's, and since many visitors came from New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia, they drove right by Dutch Haven, and stopped in to have some of the legendary pie. And who knows? Maybe Doris Day or Dinah Shore had even stopped by prior to their recording of the song "Shoo-Fly Pie and Apple Pan Dowdy," a song also recorded by Stan Kenton and Guy Lombardo.

Today, the store specializes in Amish furniture and unique gift items and collectibles. Fortunately, the walls on the inside of the windmill still contain many of the original decorations and paintings from the "old days." The paintings were by an artist named Vince DeHaven, his last name being an odd coincidence to say the least! Other reminders of Dutch Haven's past remain as well, including the old mailbox painted with Pennsylvania Dutch designs. You'll also see the big barrel, informing visitors that "genuine Amish style root beer" is available. Now filling what were once restaurant dining areas, are rooms bursting with over 10,000 items. You'll find one of the best selections of primitive Amish pine furniture --- corner cupboards, pie safes, chests, and shelves are all available. Gift and decorating items range from Amish woodcrafts and collectibles, to T-shirts and jams and jellies.

Just behind the windmill is Jakey's Amish Barbeque, featuring delicious real pit BBQ meat sandwiches with special sauces, and local specialties of funnel cake, corn fritters, root beer floats and, of course, their shoo fly pie.

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These are just some of the reasons people make Dutch Haven a regular stop on their visits to Amish Country. One man said he took his first shoo-fly pie home and ate the entire pie in one sitting! Another visitor tasted a shoo-fly pie sample and, finding it delicious, responded in shock, "Why it can't be. I don't like shoo-fly pie!" With Dutch Haven's ship-a-pie, you can send a pie to yourself or a friend virtually anywhere in the USA. They hold up quite well, and taste like they're hot out of the oven after a little warming in the microwave.

From May 26 through Labor Day, Dutch Haven is open 7 days a week, 9 am to 9 pm. For more information, about this Lancaster County landmark, call (717) 687-0111, or go shopping and send a pie online at dutchhaven.com.

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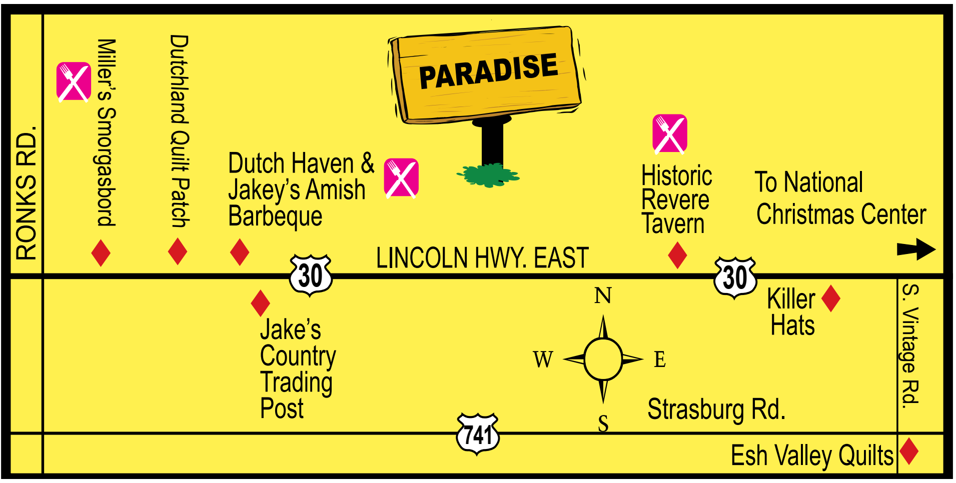

For over 250 years, visitors coming into Lancaster County from the east on Route 30 have traveled through a small town known as Paradise, just one of the many intriguing town names in the area. Officially, Paradise Township adopted the name during its organization in 1843.

The story of Paradise and its first settlers goes all the way back to Europe, to the area of the Palatinate in Germany. Here many Protestants had settled following the declaration of King Louis XIV that all Protestants in France would be persecuted. With fears of invasion by the army of France looming, many of these people decided to accept the invitation to settle in William Penn's colony of Penn's Woods in the New World. In 1708, Daniel Fierre (Ferree), along with his family and mother Mary, went to England to obtain citizenship papers before proceeding to New York.

By 1712, these French Huguenot settlers had secured land in Pennsylvania, in Lancaster's Pequea Valley. They were the first white people in the area and lived peaceably with chief Tanawa and the local Indians. Mary Fierre died four years later at the age of 63. Hers became the first grave in the family's cemetery. If you ride the Strasburg Rail Road, the "Road to Paradise," you will pass her gravesite at Carpenter's Cemetery, one of Lancaster's oldest.

The origins of Route 30, also known as the "Lincoln Highway," go back to Lancaster's colonial days when this frontier county needed a communication route between it and the provincial capital of Philadelphia. At that time, the first "planned" road between

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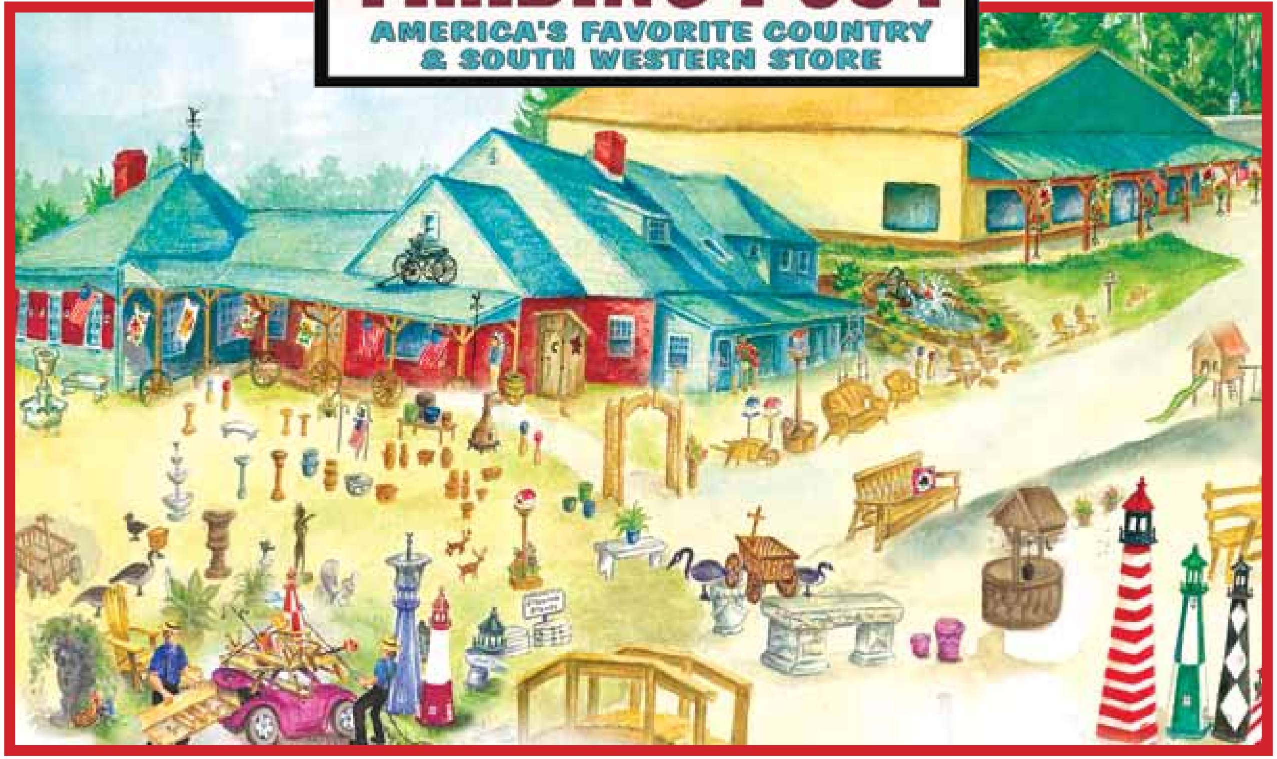

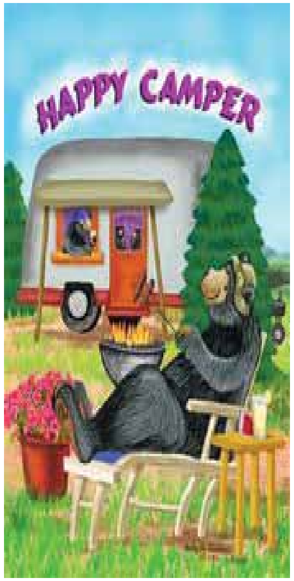

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Paradise (Cont'd from Page 44)

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Of course, taverns and stagecoach shops grew up along the turnpike for the weary travelers (and horses) making the trip. Of these, the Revere Tavern still proudly stands today. Dating back to 1740, the stone building that was the "stage tavern" was called the "Sign of the Spread Eagle." It was one of the better inns along the 62 miles of turnpike, and catered to the more prosperous class of travelers.

A "Glowing" Tradition of Intercourse Heritage

by Clinton Martin

On your way to or from the Gourd Festival, ask people walking the quaint village streets of Intercourse where the town got its interesting name and you'll likely hear a great variety of tales, mostly all steeped in lore and legend. Ask anyone where to go for the best candles, and there is only one answer! The Old Candle Barn. This store is quite literally in an old barn, with the kind of sloping roof that reminds you of rolling country hills. As their name implies, they do have a vast selection of candles, many of which are made on the premises, still using the old fashioned hand-dipping method. It is quite a sight to see. On the other hand, don't pass this store by if candles don't catch your fancy; they also have an amazing selection of primitives, country window treatments, braided rugs, upholstered furniture, lamps and accessories. There's plenty of parking right on site, so you won't have to walk far with your purchases!

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Almost a century later, in 1841, the tavern would become the residence of Reverend Edward V. Buchanan and his wife Eliza Foster Buchanan, while the Reverend established and served as the pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church in Paradise.

Eliza, his wife, was the sister of Stephen Foster, whose immortal songs will always be a part of America. Foster not only penned some of his music at the tavern, but sent many of his manuscripts to his sister, a talented musician in her own right, for her approval. There, on the banks of the Pequea Creek, Eliza and Stephen played many of the 200 songs written by Stephen, including "My Olde Kentucky Home," Way Down Upon the Swanee River" and "Oh, Susanna."

Nowadays, the Historic Revere Tavern remains an excellent place to dine, and continues to offer lodging accommodations, just as it did hundreds of years ago. By the way, just to the rear of the Revere Tavern, sits the Rainbow Dinner Theatre, whose always-matinee shows are always entertaining. Thus, as in olden days, the Revere Tavern continues the tradition of dining and entertainment for the weary traveller.

So, wherever you happen to call "Paradise," we hope you can see that a little bit of our Paradise absolutely won't do you any harm.

Country Inn of Lancaster: Your Place for Hospitality

by Clinton Martin

Thinking about your hotel stay in Amish Country? Amish Country News readers know that we like writing about places we enjoy visiting ourselves. So, it's easy for us to tell you that the Country Inn of Lancaster, and Your Place Restaurant, is simply a great place to stay and eat. Quintessentially Lancaster -- rooms by decoration, hospitality by warmth & sincerity, and, of course, a great value. You can swim in the indoor pool, surf the web on high speed internet or simply catch a flick on the slick entertainment center in your room. Oh, and the delicious food from Your Place can be brought to your door with just a phone call. The Route 30 location is ideal too, whether you are in 'Dutch Country for Amish farmland, live theatre, the thrill of shopping, or to simply taste your way through the delicious landscape of Pa Dutch cuisine. Call the folks at Your Place to learn more 717-393-3413.

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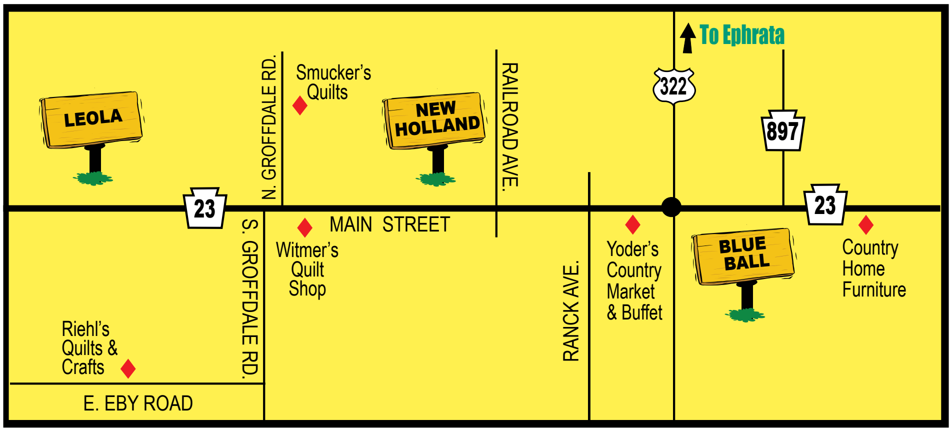

European Background

The unstable situation in Europe in the late 1600's spawned and nurtured the pioneer interest in the deep forest lands of Pennsylvania—60 miles inland from Philadelphia. In 1681 William Penn received his 40,000 square-mile land grant to settle King Charles' debt to his father. Being a Quaker, William Penn had experienced religious persecution firsthand, and decided to establish his American colony on the idealistic basis of complete religious freedom.

This entire century had been one of continued misery for the peasants of the Palatinate (western Germany). The Thirty Years War has raged across the area with barbaric ruthlessness. Some towns were burned out two or three separate times during the period. The peasant inhabitants fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade of the end of that conflict, King Louis XIV of France started a new religious war in the same general area.

These Palatinate peasants were exhausted by war's desolation, and were ripe for a new start. Traveling land agents for William Penn's new colony found willing ears. In addition to complete religious freedom and a peaceful existence, Penn offered cheap land. The stated price was 100 English pounds for 5,000 acres. (At today's rate exchange, this would be less than $.06 an acre, plus a small annual "quit rent.") By the year 1702, a goodly number of Palatinates had immigrated to Pennsylvania, and Queen Anne, newly reigning in England, was delighted that Penn was colonizing his immense grant without drawing off the population of Britain.

The area now called New Holland was practically covered by virgin forests—sturdy timber of oak, ash, chestnut, and walnut. By 1728, William Penn, had been dead for 10 years and his American colony, called Pennsylvania and was being administered by a proprietary governor while the sale of land was formalized by patent deeds.

Land Acquisition

If you are exasperated by delays in today's real estate transaction, you would have been appalled by the system in place in 1728. First, you selected a spot which you could afford, and then you notified the proprietary government of your claim. Sometime, probably years later, a surveyor would appear and survey the property to your name and put it on the County map. Then, sometime (years) later you would be notified to pay your purchase money and pick up your formal Deed. However, from the time

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In the case of one John Diffenderfer, the specific record shows that he applied for the land he chose to live on in 1728. The land was surveyed and placed on the County map in 1735. The deed was finally issued to him on March 22, 1758 after 30 years.

Naming the Town

In 1729 the Proprietary Legislature started to establish inland counties, and the following year Lancaster County was divided into 17 townships. Because the first settler in this general area was at Groffdale, the township was named after him, with the English equivalent of his German name which is Earl. Consequently the settlement was referred to as "Earltown." Michael Diffendefer named his real estate development New Design in 1750. In 1802 when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no dissension to naming the town New Holland.

These grateful people remembered how extremely kind the inhabitants of Holland were to them. The Dutch assistance is thought to have included funds to cover the cost of the refugee German immigrants' ocean voyage. It was no small matter when the alternative was indentured service for a period of years. For adults, indenture frequently meant four to seven years without pay. Minors served until their 21st birthday. But William Penn's Quaker Pennsylvania was a liberation compared to the Europe they fled. Except for the Netherlands, there was no other country that offered complete freedom of religion, assembly and speech to all.

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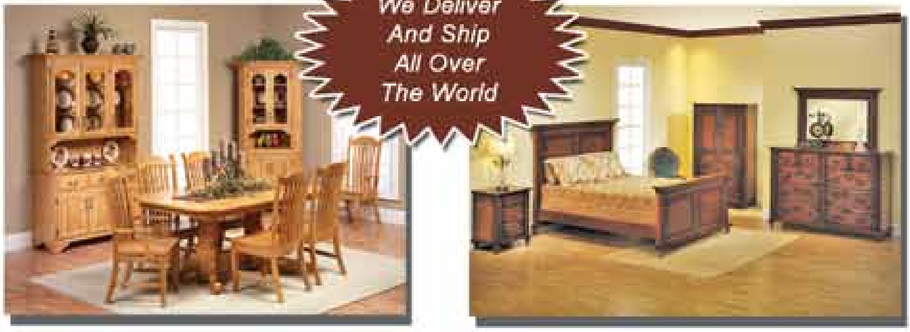

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Smucker's Quilts

by Brad Igou

As you wander through the Amish farmlands, or any issue of Amish Country News for that matter, you'll no doubt come across an Amish quilt shop or two. Smucker's Quilts may be a bit out of the way, but it's certainly worth the drive, both for the beautiful panoramas along the way and the wonderful shop filled with a quality selection of quilts and crafts.

You can find the Smuckers, located on their picturesque dairy farm, on Route 23 just west of New Holland, on North Groffdale Road. Rachel Smucker opened her shop nearly 25 years ago in a small storage barn. She quickly outgrew the barn and moved the shop into the basement of her farmhouse, which occasionally doubled as the church room. When the basement was needed for her district's church service, Rachel had to clear away her merchandise and replace it with benches. So several years ago, the Smuckers erected a spacious and attractive building for the purpose of housing the quilt and craft shop.

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Rachel chooses colors and orders the fabrics for the quilts. The quilting is then done by some 40 to 50 local Amish and Mennonite ladies who work with Rachel. She refers to the production of the quilts as "a sharing thing." She says happily that "quilting gives a lot of ladies jobs." And, remember, half the fun is getting there!

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Loxley's Restaurant	B,L,D - $$$ - MCC
Revere Tavern	L,D $$$ MCC
Sugarplums & Tea	B,L - $ -V,M,D

Sweets and Treats

Mr. Sticky's Homemade Stickies	B,L,D - $ - MCC

Pennsylvania Dutch / Local Traditional

Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant	B,L,D $ to $$ MV
Family Cupboard	B,L,D $ to $$ MVA
Good N' Plenty	L,D $$ MV
Hershey Farm	B,L,D $$ MCC
Intercourse Village Restaurant	B, L, D, $
Jakey's Amish Barbeque	L,D $ to SS MCC
Plain & Fancy Farm	L,D $$ MCC
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Lancaster Brewing Company	LD, $$, MCC
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What's Not to Love About Teas and Treats?

by Clinton Martin

At Sugarplums & Tea, a sweet little retreat off the beaten path, you'll indulge your senses and delight your palate in the relaxing atmosphere of owner Chef Paul's charming, one-of-a-kind bakery and tearoom. Turn south off Lincoln Highway East (Rt. 462) onto Strasburg Pike. Then turn right onto Windy Hill Road. Continue to the stop sign. Turn left and then immediately right onto Conard Road. Then turn right onto Bank Barn Road. Sugar Plums & Tea will be on your Left.

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The Dining Key

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L	Lunch
D	Dinner
SB	Sunday Brunch
LN	Late Night
R	Reservations suggested

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Deciding where to go and what to do can sometimes be quite stressful! After all, vacation time is precious, even in Amish Country where people are encouraged to "slow down the hurry." Sometimes, there just isn't enough time to do it all. However, no matter if you are in the area for a day, a week, or a month, there is one fact that can't be avoided. You have to eat! So, since you must, you might as well enjoy it! Heading to Union Barrel Works is a perfect way to make the best of any hungry situation. The food is simply delicious, incorporating unique and interesting dishes alongside all the favorites you'd expect at a family-friendly brew pub. When was the last time you enjoyed a good Elk Meatloaf? Visitors and locals alike praise the dining experience at "UBW." But, a brew pub must also be judged by the beer, even when the food is amazing. This is no problem for the master brewer at Union Barrel Works, who consistently brews up lagers worth sharing with even the most discriminating beer connoisseur.

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Yoder's Restaurant and Country Market Serving Up the Bounty of Lancaster

by Clinton Martin

Yoder's Country Market, Restaurant & Buffet exemplifies the best of Lancaster County in so many ways, evidenced by their very large and loyal local customer base. Sometimes overshadowed by larger smorgasbords and supermarkets, Yoder's is not so big as to become impersonal.

As John Yoder showed us around the restaurant and supermarket, he would constantly be talking with his employees and many shoppers, who, he obviously knew well. The opening of a restaurant in 1984 was, of course, a natural progression from the market. It grew and expanded in size as the number of customers increased over the years.

You can order off the menu, but the buffet is a great way to sample a wonderful array of foods, with the emphasis on Pennsylvania Dutch specialties such as buttered noodles, ham balls, potato filling, and corn fritters. Besides Lancaster County favorites, you'll find other interesting selections. Depending on the day, look for beef angus sliders, salmon or tilapia, strip steaks, baby back ribs, prime rib, seafood, lasagna, and carved ham (I'm getting hungry just writing this at my desk). Of course, if you're just looking for a quick meal, try the salad or hot food bars, or the menu entrees, from chicken a la king to lasagna. All Yoder foods are made with no preservatives.

The next stop on our "tour" was a visit to the Country Market, which too has expanded over the years. John grew up on a farm, and took foods to market, and eventually wanted a store of his own. He understandably takes great pride in buying as much local produce as possible from nearby farmers.

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For most people, the name Hershey means chocolate. Visitors notice streets with names like Cocoa and Chocolate Avenues and streetlights in the shape of Hershey Kisses. The factory and town, founded by candy entrepreneur Milton S. Hershey, is now a destination all its own, and HersheyPark has become one of the top theme parks in the world.

Mr. Hershey used his millions to create a world-famous school for orphan children that to this day remains one of the great examples of American philanthropy. In 1910 Milton and Catherine Hershey started their school with four orphan boys. (They had no children of their own.) In 1918, Hershey left his entire personal fortune to the school, making headlines in the New York Times. The school is probably the finest childcare facility of its kind in the world. It provides room & board, medical and dental services, and education for children in need at no cost to their parent or guardian.

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So there you have some ideas. Consider extending your stay to enjoy many of the other nearby destinations that are an easy daytrip, from Longwood Gardens and the Brandwine Valley and Philadelphia, to Gettysburg's battlefield and the state capital of Harrisburg. In all directions, there are interesting spokes to travel from Lancastery hub. So spin the wheel and start exploring!

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★★★★★ Amish Farmland Tour...
Review by D on 11/10/10 10:51 AM
The tour was both informative and entertaining. We marveled at many things we'd never seen before - high clothes lines; home additions for grandparents; creative ways to launch businesses. The length of the tour was just right for us. We saw what we wanted without being too tired at the end of the day. Accomodations were comfortable and our guide was considerate and thorough.

★★★★★ SUPERSAVER TOUR ...
Review by ELISA on 4/3/11 10:21 AM
THE SUPERSAVER TOUR WAS GREAT. OUR DRIVER WAS WONDERFUL. HE HAD GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA AND THE AMISH PEOPLE. I HAVE BEEN COMING TO LANCASTER FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND NEVER GET TIRED OF VISITING. THE FARM WE VISITED WAS ALSO WONDERFUL. GOT TO SEE THE COWS CLOSE UP INSTEAD OF FROM THE ROAD. I AM ALSO GOING TO DO THE WITNESS TOUR IN OCTOBER 2011. I DID THE FIRST ONE IN 2005 AND HAD A GREAT TIME. ITS WORTH THE MONEY. ENJOY

★★★★★ Great Day!...
Review by Carissa on 8/16/10 10:51am
My 13 year old son and I had a wonderful time at the Amish Experience. We did the Super Saver package and it was a great way to spend the whole day! Everyone was super nice and helpful. We learned a lot of things about the Amish way of life on the tour, and given plenty of opportunities to ask questions. Even now, a few weeks after our trip, my son talks about it all the time!

★★★★★ Super Saver Package April 2011...
Review by Chaps on 4/27/11 9:55PM
We came all the way from Mexico to PA for 2 weeks and definitely these Amish tours were a great experience!!!! We loved the tour into the farms, watching the people working their lands, the kids in schools, the cows and mules, the shops..... and what it makes it more enjoyable is the guide, who knows and explains very well the Amish life. Hope we can repeat this experience again.

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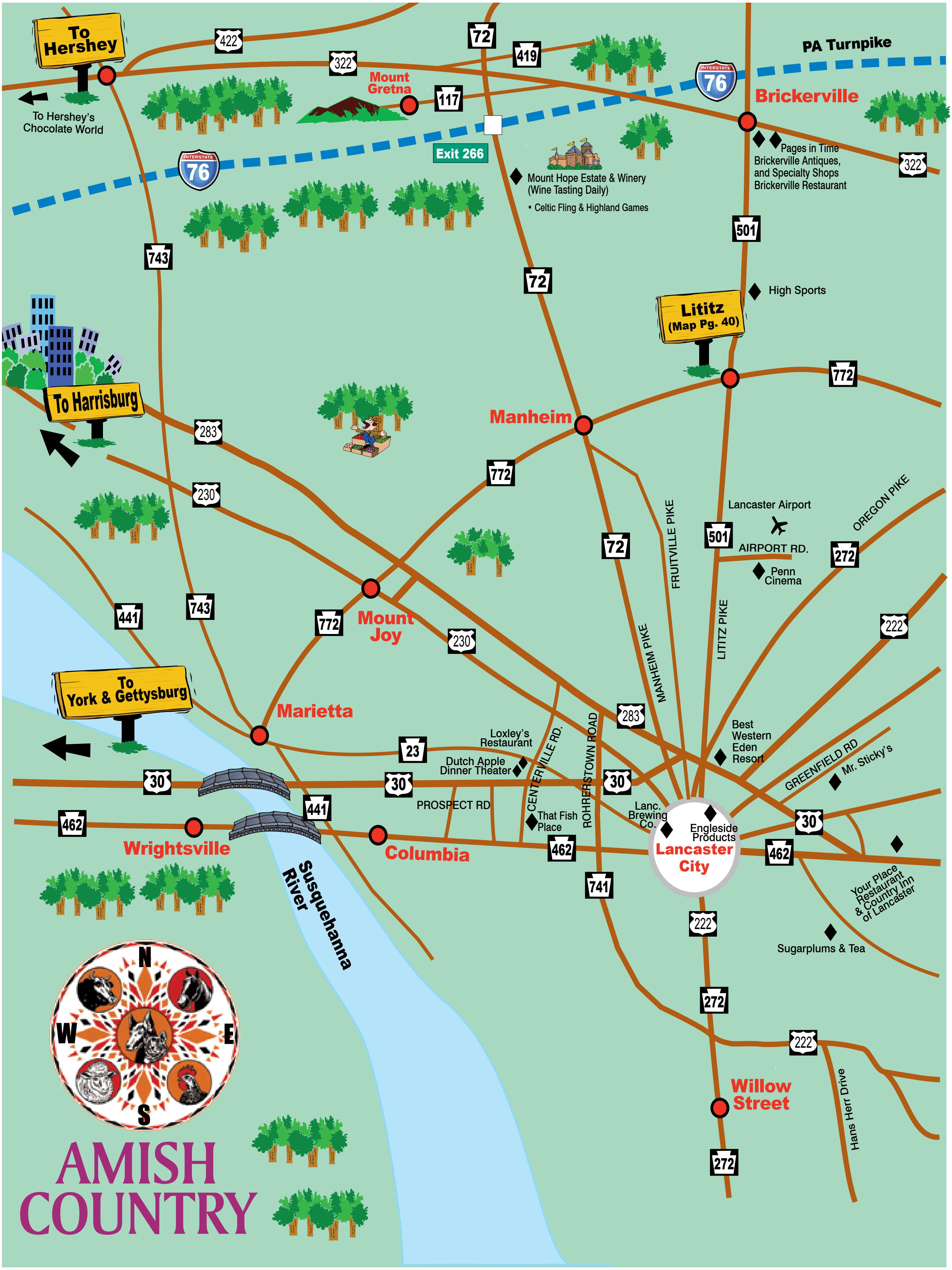
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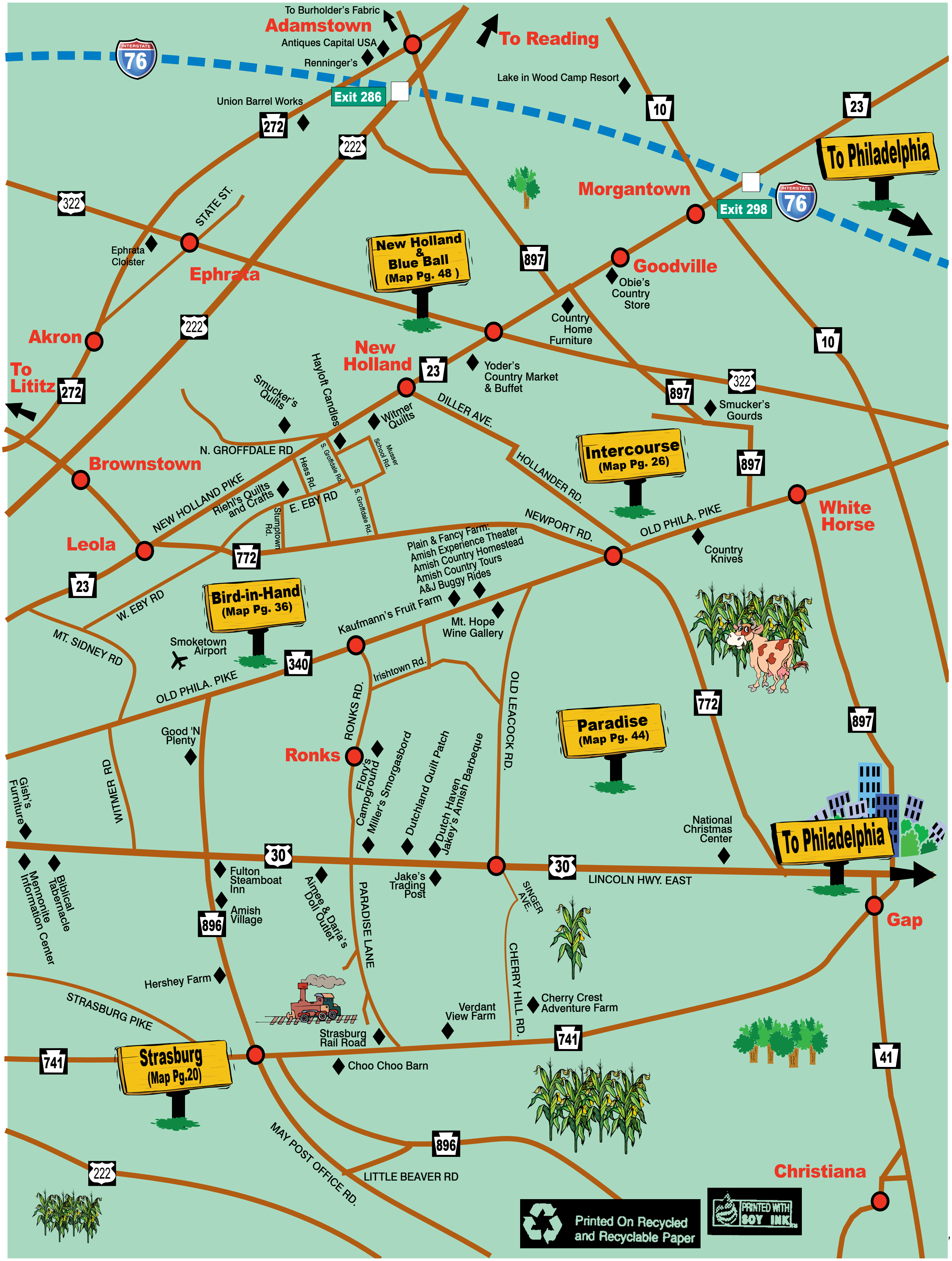

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768-8828 • 10:00am to 5:00pm

Aimee & Daria's Doll Outlet
687-8118 • 10:00am to 5:00pm

Amish Country Homestead
768-8400 • 10:30am to 4:15pm

Amish Country Tours
768-8400 • 11:00am & 1:30pm

Amish Experience Theater
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Choo Choo Barn
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Crayola Factory
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Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre
898-1900 • call for show times

Dutch Haven
687-0111 • 9:00am to 9:00pm

Ephrata Cloister
733-6600 • 12:00pm to 5:00pm

Ghost Tour of Lancaster County
687-6687 • Nightly by reservation

Hershey's Chocolate World
534-4900 • 9:00am to 10:00pm

High Sports
626-8318 • call for hours

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768-0156 • 10:00am to 4:00pm

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391-6258 • Tour at 3:00pm
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768-7194 • 11:00am to 6:00pm

National Christmas Center
442-7950 • 10:00am to 6:00pm

National Toy Train Museum
687-8976 • 10:00am to 5:00pm

Penn Cinema
717-626-7720 • Call for Show Times

Renninger's Antique Mall
336-2177 • 7:30am to 4:00pm

Shupp's Grove Antique Market
484-4115 • 7:00am to 4:00pm

Strasburg Railroad
687-7522 • Ticket Window Opens at 10:00am

That Fish Place – That Pet Place
299-5691 • 10:00am to 6:00pm

After 5 Activities

Looking for something to do during the evening hours? There are always movies, shopping malls, outlets, comedy clubs, and lounges at the larger hotels. Here's a list of interesting ideas for the entire family.

Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides
768-8828 • Till Dusk

Amish VIP Tours (From June 13)
768-8400 • 2.5 hour tour begins at 4:30pm

Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre
898-1900 • Call for Show Times

Dutch Haven
687-0111 • Till 9:00pm or later

Ghost Tour of Lancaster County
687-6687 • Nightly By Reservation

Hershey's Chocolate World
534-4900 • Till 10:00pm Daily

High Sports
626-8318 • Call for Hours

National Christmas Center
442-7950 • Till 6:00pm

Penn Cinema
717-626-7720 • Call for Show Times

Strasburg Railroad
687-7522 • Call For Hours

That Fish Place – That Pet Place
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WITNESS Movie Covered Bridge Tour
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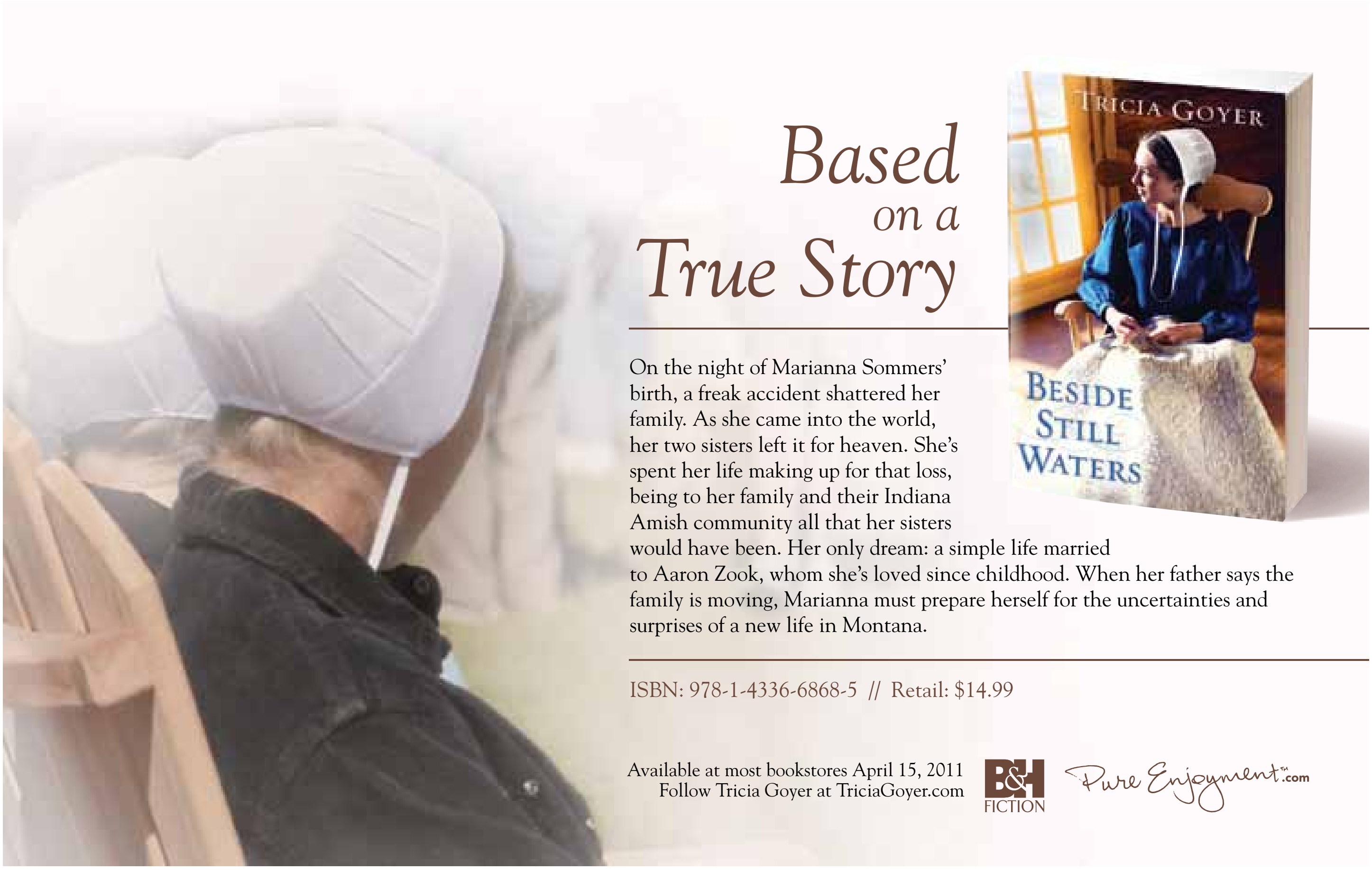

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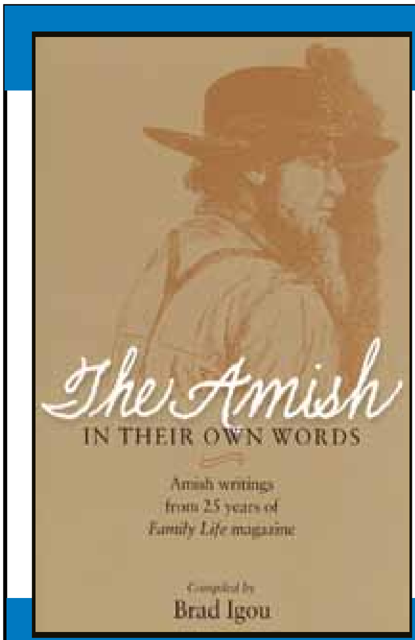

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PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE

Recently, I received the following essay from a visitor to Amish Country. I liked it so much that I am using it as a "guest message" in this issue's column...

America's Best Kept Secret?

by Joe Martelle

Travelers Find Hidden Treasure in Lancaster County

Like many North Americans stepping into the middle portion of life, I found myself blessed with both the time and the finances to afford travel. I'm more a traveler by marriage than by nature. My wife loves to travel, and has managed to share the passion, as well as numerous destinations, with me over the past number of years.

After the natural wonder of the Grand Canyon, the vast beauty of Arizona, the spectacles of Manhattan and Vegas, the beaches of Carolina and California, and many points in-between, a trip to Pennsylvania Dutch country seemed to pale in comparison. Fact of the matter was, had we not formed a church relationship with a couple who lived in Amish Country, Lancaster County would have never made our travel "to do" list. As quaint and serene as this region of cleverly named communities (like Intercourse, Bird in Hand, and Virginville), blended with farmlands unchanged for decades was, where were the exciting flavors of Americana most often sought through travel?

At some point I was hit by a ten-pound sledgehammer of reality, that there was actually a taste of America in that landscape of antique boutiques and the Amish turn-of-the-century practice of life that I would find nowhere else on the map. Where else could I find a Corvette and a horse-drawn buggy traveling the same stretch of rural pavement? Where else in America do the ways of the past live in such harmony with the global village we call the twenty-first century?

It's not so much in the way the Amish and the contemporary coexist, but in the way they do it so ***naturally.*** There is a sense of awe to be found in the ease of acceptance shown to each other's lifestyle choices, values, and spiritual beliefs. There is quiet humility, with a natural strength that rivals any tourist attraction on the continent, a community that lends an example to where this country came from. Here lives the grassroots essence of the American dream: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, harmony, and one nation united under God.

To those who reside in Amish Country, please step back from time to time and appreciate what you have. And if you are a traveler... keep Lancaster County on your bucket list of places to visit. Treasure awaits you.

Our guest writer, Joe Martelle is a 40-something father of three (two girls, one boy) living in Eastern Ontario, Canada. He is an author and freelance writer specializing in Christian fiction and literature. His work has been featured repeatedly in the United Church of Canada's National Magazine, as well as extensively in several magazines in his home region. He is currently finishing his first book, a collection of short stories, to be released in fall of 2011. Comments are welcome martell@ripnet.com.

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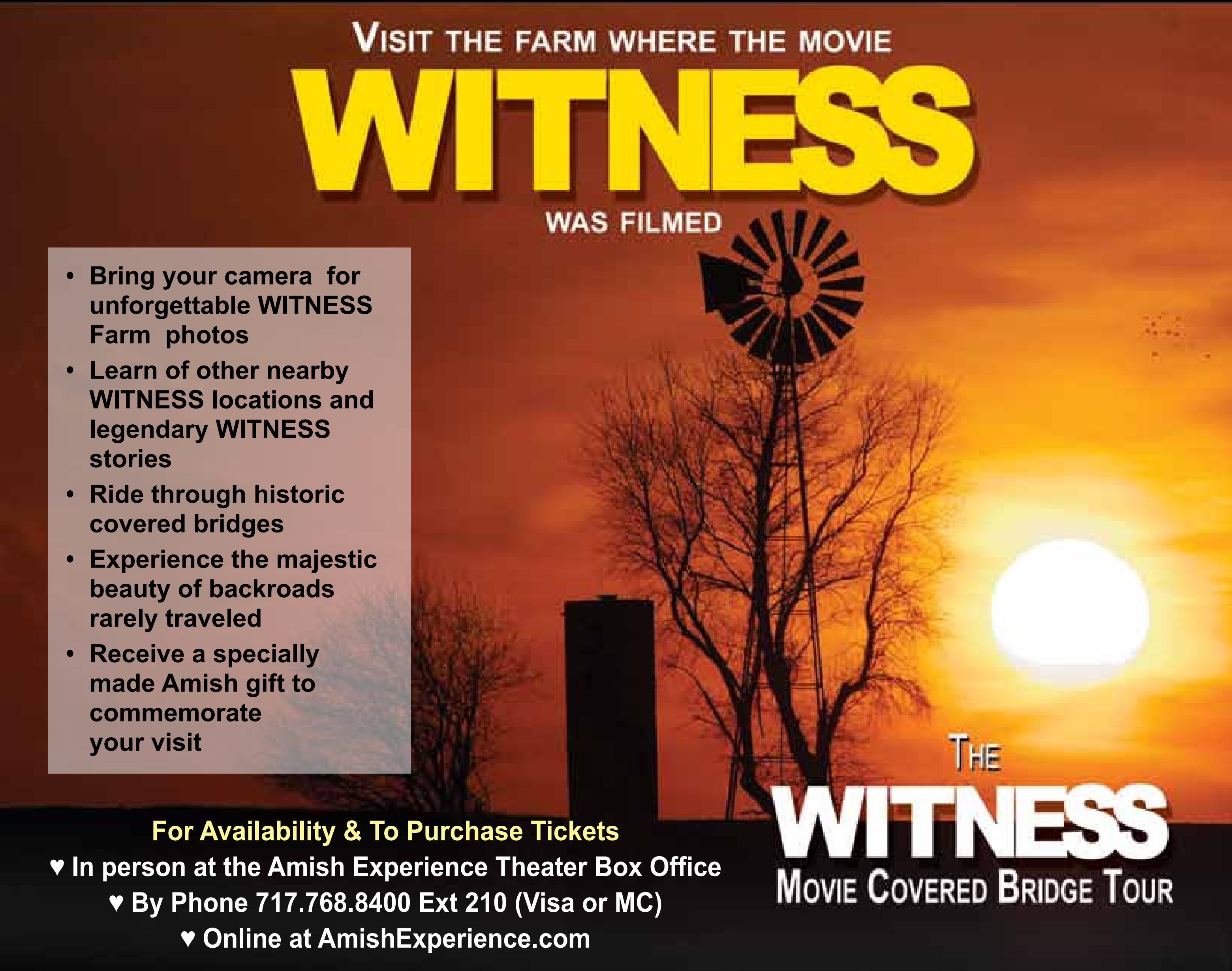

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